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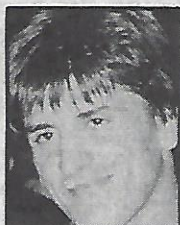
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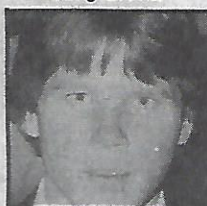
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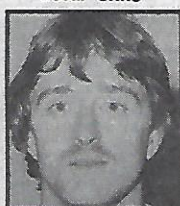
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## Brown and Cumming for Roos?

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Doug Brown and Oscar Crino of South Melbourne Hellas, and Tommy Cumming of Melbourne Croatia look set to be elevated to international status by Socceroo coach Frank Arok for the international series in May-June.

The series will be against Glasgow Rangers, and probably Manchester United, Fiorentina and Iraklis.

Australia will field two national teams - 'A' and 'B'. While the 'A' team plays, say, in Sydney, the 'B' team will be playing perhaps in Adelaide. It is an exercise aimed at maximising the number of matches and game receipts.

Arok will name up to 40 players to be split into two squads.

In doing so he will be seeking advice from assistants to be named this week in each State, and also from club coaches and State coaching directors.

Brown, Crino and Cumming look certain to be among the 40.

David Skeen (St George), Howard Tredinick (Melita Eagles), Rob O'Shea (St George), Robbie Slater (St George) and Roy Cotton (Panthers) are other possible newcomers to the national squad.

Arok said during the three-match series against England last year that his ideal is to build a national side around a nucleus of players from the one or two most successful club teams in the land.

St George Budapest obviously would be one of them. Sydney City Hakoah used to be the other, but its players aren't getting any younger, and while John Kosmina remains an obvious choice in attack, it is South Melbourne Hellas which has replaced Hakoah among the elite.

And so back to Brown and Crino.

What more can be said or written about Brown, who was top scorer in the NSL last season? It's all been said before. Quite simply, he's the best forward in Australia!

Arok saw Crino more as a sweeper last year. Without having had the chance to study him in NSL matches, Arok no doubt remembered Crino better as the sweeper in Australia's youth team in the 1981 World Youth Championship.

Crino never enjoyed playing sweeper. He felt it curtailed his soccer education, and wanted rather to be in the thick of the action.

Now, after a year of playing midfield in the NSL, he's known as the magician, he can conjure up miracles on the field - and that's not journalistic exaggeration.

Coaches who previously saw him as a player of extreme skill but insufficient grit have done an about-turn. Crino is as physical as the rest, and because his skills are more highly polished now, he has few peers in Australian soccer.

Tommy Cumming played the last of his 12 Socceroo games (4 full caps) against Czechoslovakia in 1980, before injury interrupted his career. He had been on the Socceroo's tour of China and Taiwan in 1979, and had played against Partizan Belgrade and the New York Cosmos at home. Cumming also has played 14 games for Victoria and at 27, he is very much in his prime and has recovered completely from the injury that almost finished him. Cumming is not only a deadly goalscorer, but also can be used on the flank or in midfield. Victorian soccer abounds with superlatives about this player, who has won two Rothmans Medals and two Bill Fleming Medals.

Let's have another look at the "big two" - St George and Hellas.

It would be quite easy for Arok to field a mixture of both as his two national teams, but he won't, of course. Those who definitely should be included are:

ST GEORGE: David Skeen, David Ratcliffe, Mike O'Shea, Rob O'Shea, Robbie Slater.

HELLAS: Peter Laumets, Bobby Russell, Steve Blair, Alan Davidson, Carl Halford, Ken Murphy, Oscar Crino, Doug Brown.

I'd also go for John Yzendoorn, but it

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## Take a cow's eye, false teeth, green slime and what do you get?



By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Take a liberal dollop of Basil Fawcett, a sprinkle of the Mad Hatter, a soupcon of Albert Camus' outsider, and a dash of schoolboyish shenanigans, mix with a psychopathic frenzy, garnish with a Melbourne Croatia strip, then leave in between a set of goalposts until firm.

Handle the finished product with care for it's far more sensitive than an initial prod would betray.

Peter Blasby doesn't go on benders anymore. He's much more at peace with the world. Committed to memory are the three and four-day binges prompted by a need "to get away from everything and everybody and get completely zonked."

Blasby the master prankster still runs riot, leaving false teeth, a cow's eye, an embarrassed Gary Cole and a nauseous green slime in his wake.

Jan Gibson, the former Heidelberg and South Melbourne Hellas midfielder, peers long and hard at every pot of beer he buys before lifting it to his lips.

"Gibby and me were in Hobart with Heidelberg on an end-of-season trip. We were having a few drinks at the casino before flying back to Melbourne. Anyway, Gibby went to the toilet and I dropped my false teeth into his beer. When he came back I said: 'Hurry up Gibby, or we'll miss the plane. He picked up his beer and skollod. You should have seen the look on his face when he'd finished. It was priceless!"

Blasby has a habit of taking off his clothes.

"I can't explain it. Something strange just comes over me before I go to bed."

One facet of that queer habit was displayed on that same end-of-season trip to Hobart.

"All the lads had a good drink and we went back to our hotel rooms. I took my clothes off and went into the kitchen. I ended up being chased by the hotel manager. I don't know why. Just because his daughter was with me, I guess."

Why does Jim Tansey, that fearless former Socceroo who has stood firm against the thoroughbred wingers of Europe and Asia, wince when he picks up a cake of soap in the shower?

"I took a cow's eye to training at Heidelberg one Tuesday night and I left it on a cake of soap in the showers. Come Thursday night's training the eye had kind of combined, you might say, with the soap. Tanz could explain it better than me, coz he's the guy who picked up the soap and started to wash himself with it."

Gary Cole casts wary glances behind, every time he's



Les Shorrock's award-winning picture of Peter Blasby in action for Croatia.

talking to an attractive young lady. Cole's looking for someone marching toward him a la John Cusack's Department of Crazy Walks but Blasby isn't there.

"Gary was talking to this bird once and I snuck up from behind. Gary and I were wearing the same color jackets so he kind of slipped his arms behind him and I slipped my arms under his and out in front of the bird. So there's Gary chatting to her when suddenly the hand that she thinks belongs to him, dives up and starts to pick his nose. I'm sure she never knew what was going on. She kept talking to Gary but looking kind of strange at him as the hand then proceeds to pick at his ear. She doesn't even say anything when the hand starts to fondle her leg, she just keeps talking. That broke me up."

There's an Ansett air hostess who probably has been grounded by now. Her ailment's called work fatigue but does it have its roots in an incident in the late 1970's when Heidelberg United flew back to Melbourne from Adelaide?

"I had this green slime with me. It was all the rage with the kids at the time. Anyway I stuck it up my nose, then placed it neatly down my chin and onto my blazer. Then I called the stewardess and asked for a couple of drinks. She almost fainted."

Blasby went to Fawcett Secondary Modern School in Sussex, and left as a 16-year-old. He came to Australia as a 16-year-old. He was on his own.

He stayed with an aunt and uncle in Melbourne.

When he wasn't running away from home.

"I was going to work one day when I just said to myself, stuff it! So I went back to the house, grabbed a sleeping bag and hitch-hiked to Perth. I got a ride in this semi-trailer driven by this Hungarian bloke. I came back two weeks later and my aunt and uncle sort of suggested that I should leave."

Blasby started off on the right wing with Frankston Pines in 1967. He got his chance in goals when the first team goalkeeper couldn't pay his membership fees and was dropped.

Blasby couldn't play in a vital test league game against Perthville. At stake was the championship of the now defunct District Leagues. Blasby decided to try his hand as a fireman. When he signalled that the ball had crossed the goal line for a goal to Pines, he was chased by a knife-wielding Perthville supporter.

"Pines won the match and the title. I guess you could say that I had figured prominently in their success. Yes, I guess you could say that. All I can remember is running for my life down the street with the flag still in my hand."

I asked a journalist from the ethnic press in Melbourne, about four years ago, if he knew what Blasby did for a living. The journalist knew. In his best English, he replied: "Manslaughter."

Blasby has been known to demolish some of the finest forwards in Australian soccer but what the journalist was trying to tell is that Blasby is a slaughterhouse at Pakenham Export Abattoirs.

Blasby shoots cows and bulls. He also splits their throats. He's been in the job for seven years. Brucellosis, a disease caused by parasitic bacteria, inducing remittent fever in humans, testifies to his trade. He contracted the disease in 1979.

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2. Name the team that won the 1983 First

Division Grand Final in Northern NSW.  
3. Who won Victoria's Bill Fleming Medal in 1975?

4. Australia and England clashed three times last year. The results were 0-0, 1-0 to England and 1-1. Name the players who scored for England during the triangular series.

5. How many appearances did Adrian Alston make for Australia?

Last week's winner is: DAVID MITCHELL, 113 Main Street, Ulverstone, Tasmania, 7315. The answers were: 1. Ricky Herbert 2. Western Suburbs finished 9th with 24 points 3. Terry Patalis 4. Brian Edgley 5. Japan.

## Raskopoulos, Cotton stake claims

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remains to be seen whether the ASF has forgiven him for the "taping scandal", in which he was accused of smuggling a tape recorder into a team-talk given by former Soccerroo coach Rudi Gutendorf. The tape subsequently found its way to a Sydney daily newspaper.

Paul Lewis has proved his goalscoring ability with Green Gully Ajax and his \$25,000 transfer is testimony to the high regard in which he is held as a player — but Arok may want to wait until Lewis produces the goods at NSL level.

Dez Marton has all the qualifications to be in the national squad. He's an irrepressible goalscorer, and a shrewd fox, but his age — 35 — may prompt Arok to leave him out.

and thus avoid inevitable, albeit unjustified, criticism. Terry Greedy would be No. 1 choice as goalkeeper, but we don't know yet whether or not Greedy has changed his mind about retiring. He hung up his boots after the Merlion Cup tournament in Singapore last year, and came back a few weeks ago, only because Arok desperately needed a goalkeeper to stand in for Mike Fraser, who was in dispute with St George over the terms of his contract.

Let's look at some of the other clubs.

Sydney Olympic's Marshall Soper was on the verge of a promising international career last year, when Arok picked him for the series against England. But Arok sent him home

from the Soccerroos' training camp over breaches of discipline, and may not be willing to forgive Soper so easily.

Peter Katholos has been an automatic choice in the national team for some years, but because he fell out of favor with Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer, he hasn't been getting a regular game.

Of the other Olympic players, Peter Raskopoulos is likely to force his way into the squad, as Arok is one of his most enthusiastic admirers. Tigerish midfielder Gary Phillips, Jim Patikas and Tony Dakos would be "outsiders".

Marconi's David Lowe would have a great chance of selection, but he's been out injured for a while, and therefore is a doubtful proposition as far as Arok is concerned, unless Lowe suddenly resumes with a bang.

Of the other Marconi players, Bruce James, Tony Henderson and Tommy McCulloch, would appear the best bets for the Soccerroo squad, with Rod Brown and Joe Rizzotto as "possibles".

Makedonia did well in the NSL last season, and has built a powerful squad for its assault on the 1984 title. Gary Cole remains Makedonia's leading candidate for the squad, Claude Lucchesi is a possibility, and in my opinion, Steve Potter definitely should be selected, as he is better and more experienced than most goalkeepers in Australia.

Roy Cotton of Penrith could get a chance at Soccerroo level, for he's shown his class for a long time and Frank Farina of Canberra is a "must".

Of the NSL newcomers, it appears that Wally Savor and Bruno Vidale of Sydney Croatia are doing the sort of things you need to do to be selected, and I'd have no hesitation picking Adrian Zinni, the brilliant forward of Juventus (Vic).

Adelaide has little to offer. Perhaps Joe Mullen and Sergio Melia could be considered, and Gary Sproul may be in with a chance.

Brisbane offers Kim Wishart, and perhaps Danny Wright, while you can't go past Joe Senkalski in Newcastle.

## KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



### Remember Rudi?

No, not Rudi Gutendorf. Rudi Gnavi, the former Pan Hellenic superstar, who joined St George in the late 1970's.

I got a card the other week from Rudi and it was great to hear from him. Rudi probably was one of the best midfielders to play in Australian soccer and one of the few players I've seen who could stamp so much authority on a game.

As a kid I really looked up to him and admired his ability so much, and later, when we played together at St George, I got to know him as a person and he was a top bloke.

He had tremendous pride and belief in his own ability and he couldn't stand any nonsense from anyone.

But when he joined St George in 1977 he found that he couldn't settle into a team which placed so much emphasis on the negative aspects of the game. Not for him this man marking and kick and rush stuff.

As things turned out, Rudi became a forgotten man, quietly slipping out of Australia and returning to his native Argentina.

### Thumbs up for George

The latest from Greece is that George Christopoulos is doing really well at AEK and is on the verge of breaking into the first team. That's great news.

George came on as a sub in the 40th minute the other week and was one of AEK's outstanding players.

In fact, my information is that had AEK not sacked manager Helmut Senekovic recently, then George would have been in the side a long time ago.

From all reports, AEK is really happy with George, so much so that he's been offered a good contract and looks like carving out a name for himself in Greece.

I wish him all the best.



George Christopoulos

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Grandmothers reverently cross themselves, mothers let out a silent sigh; at least the house will be peaceful for a few hours every week.

The soccer season is about to begin. Junior is taken aside by his father and given a crash course in sportsmanship: be a humble winner and a good loser (this one not so often, if possible); accept your role in a team but don't let them push you around; play it hard but fair (preferably hard); a dollar for every goal scored. That's it; otherwise enjoy yourself and listen to my instructions.

At the first training session the toddler is assigned his place in the team which will, of course, play with a



By ANDREW  
DETTRE

sweeper; hopelessly he looks around the ground for a broom but doesn't dare ask who will sweep, what and where. A second training session, perhaps a third, has the team ready for its first match.

It's a friendly, they are told, against the A-team coached by that idiot. That idiot is the neighbour who was supposed to be father's best friend. So we must show them which is the real A-team, eh? Go in hard, don't worry about their legs, they have shinpads or should have them anyway; it's only a friendly.

The soccer season is about to begin. And junior runs and runs, his little lungs bursting through lack of oxygen; all the air appears to have been

used up, there is none left for him. Faster, shrieks a familiar voice from the sidelines, it's your ball, get it; my god, you were bloody slow... and junior is tottering on the verge of collapse. How can you run any faster?

The ball zigzags crazily between the legs - madly lunging, limply hanging, thin little legs flailing as so many loose palling fences shaken by the wind. Everything becomes a blur, the soccer field an enormous green desert, every blade of grass a major hurdle. And so many kids, must be hundreds of them. Only 22? Oh dad, can you count them?

Suddenly the ball materialises out of thin air. It rolls gently, satisfactorily by. Kick it now, The Voice roars, kick it real big, noooooowwww... but not that bloody way, the other way, christalmighty, Margaret, are you sure he's my son? With all that coaching, look at that, he'll never make it, never!

Yes he will, darling, be patient and of course he's your son, what do you mean is he your son? I'm glad mother isn't here to hear you.

Meanwhile the little mite runs here and there, like a drunk grasshopper, his new shirt hanging out, his socks

dropping down, his bootlaces untied, his hair like a wet mop.

Father is now a member of a chorus of fellow-fathers, having yelled themselves hoarse, eyes bulging, veins in their necks protruding, all of them near apoplexy or at least a good heart seizure. No, not that way, they shout in unison; not to him but to HIM, give it now, NOW run, you can get it, it's your ball, hey, it's our ball, ref, bloody poofers, is he blind?

Then... it's all over. The mini-matadors march off the pitch, heads bent, eyes filled with terror; they have just lost the innocence of youth. Each one is picking up his half orange, like Navratilova collects her winning cheques. Mother is there with a tissue to wipe off the specks of dirt and pearls of tears off her world champion's face.

Father has calmed down, too. It is... he assures others... only a game, nothing to get heated about. What about a beer? My place? Your place? Fine, just after lunch. I need a shower and an aspro, then I'll be right. Who'd ever believe you can be so involved with six year olds?

The soccer season has begun.

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## LEWIS v McGORIAN

By  
CRAIG  
MACKENZIE



Melbourne Croatia and Sunshine-George Cross make their 0/28 match of the Day debuts on Sunday at Olympic Park No. 1 at 3 pm with Croatia starting a firm favorite.

With players of the calibre of Keith Adams, Peter Lewis, Jim Campbell, Jeff Faulkner, Tommy Cumming and David Brogan, Croatia should justify its short win odds.

Should Lewis play left back, we're in for a real treat. He'll then square up to "Mad Mick" McGorian in a no-holds-barred contest between two ferocious competitors, both with plenty to prove.

Lewis wants to enhance his growing reputation as a class defender and justify his switch from Green Gully Ajax this season. McGorian, not exactly enamored with being labelled simply as a hard, tough striker, wants to also be recognised as a fine player.

Sunshine-George Cross is proving well organised defensively but its NSL opponents so far - Ajax, Heidelberg and Adelaide City - aren't as renowned for their attacking flair as is Croatia. So Sunday will be the big test for Tommy Traynor's men.

And they'll find Brogan and Cumming, with Josip Biskic and Steve Gojevic out wide, a real handful.

Steve Richardson, the former Glasgow Rangers defender, looks likely to mark Brogan. While Richardson is fine in the air, Croatia will be

playing balls into Brogan's feet and he'll be trying to turn Richardson. It should be an absorbing clash and although Brogan appears more mobile, Richardson is a tough character. Actually, Brogan doesn't allow defenders to dominate him in physical clashes, so this could be a fairly willing exchange.

Croatia, in Campbell and Faulkner, will get players forward far quicker than Sunshine-George Cross. That's going to put Richardson, Jim Reilly and Co. under tremendous pressure. It also should enable Croatia to create enough chances to win.

Carl Gilder, the former Croatia striker, would like nothing better than to show his old side that he still is a good player. Maybe even bang in a goal, just to rub salt into old wounds.

However, Gilder comes up against Sean Parton, who has developed a leaps and bounds since joining Croatia from Footscray J.U.S.T. in 1982. Parton has the pedigree to make his mark as a quality NSL stopper. He played in the Victorian youth team which won the national championship in 1979, and although his development stagnated at J.U.S.T., he again has blossomed, under John Gardiner and now Terry Hennessy. He's rapidly becoming more than merely an under-rated player.

## Spain-Malta game fixed? No way, says Farrugia

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Ray Farrugia, the only current European international playing in Australia, laughs off suggestions that Maltese players were bribed before crashing to a staggering 12-1 defeat to Spain in Seville last December.

"I heard about the Maltese federation investigating bribery claims only after I arrived back in Australia," said the 28-year-old Melita Eagles midfielder.

"The result of their investigation was that we (Malta) now have a Bulgarian as our national coach and some of our players never again will play for the national team."

"But I can tell you that it just was one of those games. We were doing well in the first half and Spain was leading 3-1 at half time. Please believe me when I tell you that every time Spain attacked in the second half, they scored. It was incredible."

Malta, with Farrugia in a defensive midfield role, had gone down 5-0 to Holland in Rotterdam four days earlier, leaving Spain with the task of winning by 11 goals to qualify for the European Nations' Cup finals in France this year. The stunning 12-1 scoreline was treated in Malta as a national scandal but Farrugia, with four national team appearances, escaped unscathed.

"I thought that I had played well against Holland. The Dutch have a new, young team now, and I was marking one of their stars from Ajax Amsterdam. We left Malta with only 15 players in our squad and we lost three due to injury after playing Holland. That didn't help much against the Spaniards."

Farrugia has won three Maltese league championships and three cups with Floriana and two NSW State League championships with Melita, the club he joined late in the 1978 season.

He switched from Floriana's right wing to central midfield to fill the gap left by player-coach Willie Vassallo's departure to Green Gully Ajax in 1977.

"Willie's a fantastic coach, a fantastic player and a fantastic bloke. I

haven't spoken to him for a while but I hope he's still doing well."

Like Vassallo, Farrugia has played against the cream of the club teams in Europe in all three major competitions - the European Cup, Cup Winner's Cup and UEFA Cup. While Floriana is yet to win one of these major trophies, Farrugia's experiences in Europe have been very successful.

"We played against the great Polish side Slask Wroclaw in the 1970's. Although we lost both games 2-0, I met my wife Kasia. She was an interpreter for Slask."

Melita officials watched Farrugia in action for Floriana in 1978 against Panathinaikos and approached him after the match, offering him terms. He accepted and arrived in Australia with Kasia, with just six games left in the NSW State League season. There was a hitch however, with his clearance, so he played with Melita's second grade side.

"If I'm honest, I can say that Australian soccer is better than Maltese soccer. There is much more discipline here. If I walked up to training here smoking a cigarette, I'd be heavily fined, but you can get away with that sort of thing back home."

"The problem with soccer back home is that the government is Labor and the federation is made up of Liberals. The government doesn't want to help soccer so much now."

Farrugia's favorite player in the NSL is Dez Marton of St. George.

"He doesn't run much but when he does run, he makes the right run. He shows his experience every time I watch him."

"John Kosmina is the best centre-forward I've seen here. He's strong and has the ability to take players on. I admire that."

Farrugia tips a top-five finish for Melita in this, its first NSL season. He tips St. George to finish on top of the Australian Conference and South Melbourne Hellas to finish on top of the National Conference.

"We played well against Sydney Croatia in our first NSL game. I honestly didn't think that we deserved to lose (2-1). We'll have a good season under Raul Blanco and his assistant Dennis Hogarth, the former Prague player."

"With just one more for-



Ray Farrugia of Melita Eagles

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## Watch out for Soper

Sydney Olympic and Sydney City are featured on channel 0/28's Match of the Day on Sunday at Pratten Park and Olympic striker Marshall Soper is firing.

With three goals against Sydney Croatia last Sunday, Soper's confidence is sky-high and he's champing at the bit to get stuck into the Sydney City defence in this vital derby.

And Peter Katholos was reinstated to Olympic's starting 11 last weekend. It was Katholos who set up Soper for his third goal. A fit and competitive Katholos adds much attacking bite to Manfred Schaefer's side.

It's Soper's finishing ability which is so vital to Olympic. Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson may pit young Gerardo Gomez against Soper. If so, we'll find out just how good the physical aspects of Gomez's game are, for Soper is a ferocious competitor.

Willie Murray and Joe Watson out wide pose problems for Olympic. Their ability to get in behind the defence and play balls into the area to John Kosmina is City's strength but in young Tony Dakos, Olympic could have the answer to Kosmina's attacking bite.

Kenny Boden is a different matter however. Ever elusive with superb goal sense, the veteran striker still is one of the leaders in his craft.

Olympic goes into the match brimful of confidence but Sydney City has a fearsome big game reputation. It can win this derby.



Willie Vassallo

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# No Lewis, no Ajax?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Green Gully Ajax found Brunswick Juventus an uncompromising foe in last year's Victorian State League, and will find that little has changed when it meets the black and whites at Green Gully Reserve at 3 pm this Sunday.

Steve Short's return from injury to the Ajax defence is vital. Short is a fine organiser and his partnership with Stuart Cannell was one of Ajax's strengths last season.

I believe that Juventus will have problems against the Ajax back four and in midfield. Ajax looks far stronger. Certainly its wide players here, Bobby Toal on the right and Jim Williams on the left, have bags of attacking flair, especially Toal, who will come up against Harry Hird. Williams is much more of a grafter and a better playmaker.

But up front, Ajax has yet to set the NSL world on fire.

It looks like a draw. Juventus coach John Margaritis will be extremely confident now that ace striker Paul Lewis has left Ajax and joined South Melbourne Hellas.

Margaritis continually stressed the importance of Paul Lewis to Ajax last year. David Lowe's move to Marconi, earlier this year, partly was prompted by Newcastle's financial problems, partly by his view that Marconi would have more to offer in terms of success. How ironic then, if Newcastle beats Marconi at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

And I think that Newcastle can do it. David Jones returned from injury last week and from all reports, Joe Senkalski and Craig Mason, in the centre of Newcastle's mid-

field quartet, are playing very well. That's going to be a vital area in this clash as Marconi youngster Tommy McCulloch has been showing the benefits of his extended training stint with English giant Southampton during the Australian off-season.

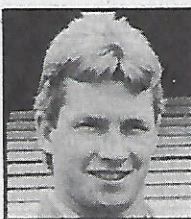
Canberra doesn't look capable of stopping the South Melbourne Hellas machine at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

Doug Brown is as hot as any striker in the land, and he's the man Canberra must watch closely. Not that Hellas hasn't got other players who can get forward and score. Indeed, with Charlie Egan, Paul Lewis and Brown in the squad, it has an embarrassment of striking riches.

Hellas is far too well drilled at the back to allow Frank Farina to create major problems. Hellas should win.

If experience counts for anything, NSL newcomer Penrith City will beat Wollongong at Cook Park on Sunday.

Penrith's strike force of Roy Cotton, Ian Hunter, and former English professional Brian Jackson look too accomplished for the Wolves. Peter Brogan, Dave McIntosh, Paul Daley and Micky Cross across the back four, give Penrith its most experienced line. That's going to make the inexperienced Wollongong attack struggle for openings, an ominous sign for Wolves.



Paul Lewis

and coach Adrian Alston.

One of three big derbies in Sydney pits APJA Leichhardt against Blacktown at Henson Park on Sunday.

I'm tipping a draw. Blacktown is a far different proposition from the pushover it proved to be back in 1981 when it was dumped from the league.

APJA hasn't improved from last year. Losing Paul Carter and Bertie Mariani to Marconi and Seb Giampalo and Walter Valeri to Inter-Monaro, has done little for the depth in coach Fil Botalico's squad.

At best APJA is looking at repeating last year's creditable but far from spectacular mid-table finish.

Footscray J.U.S.T. should beat West Adelaide at Schinler Reserve, 3 pm.

Heidelberg United v Brisbane Lions at Olympic Village, 3 pm.

Green Gully Ajax v Brunswick Juventus at Green Gully Reserve, 3 pm.

Melbourne Croatia v Sun-Geo Cross at Olympic Park No. 1, 3 pm.

SUNDAY	
Canberra v South Melbourne Hellas at Bruce Stadium, 3 pm.	
APJA Leichhardt v Blacktown at Henson Park, 3 pm.	
Marconi v Newcastle at Marconi Stadium, 3 pm.	
Penrith City v Wollongong at Cook Park, 3 pm.	
Sydney Olympic v Sydney City Hakoah at Pratten Park, 3 pm.	
Melita Eagles v St George at Melita Stadium, 3 pm.	
Adelaide City v Preston Makedonia at Norwood Oval, 2.30 pm.	
Brisbane City v Sydney Croatia at Spencer Park, 3 pm.	
Footscray JUST v West Adelaide at Schinler Reserve, 3 pm.	
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## AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle KB	2	1	0	4	1	5
St Geo Budapest	2	1	0	4	1	5
Syd C Hakoah	1	2	0	5	3	4
Syd Olympic	1	2	0	4	2	4
Blacktown	1	2	0	3	2	4
Melita Eagles	1	1	1	3	3	3
APJA Leichhardt	1	1	1	3	3	3
Syd Croatia	1	1	1	6	7	3
Canberra Arrows	1	0	2	6	2	2
Penrith	0	2	1	4	6	2
Wollongong	0	1	2	2	8	1
Marconi	0	0	3	1	5	0

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sth Melb Hellas	2	1	0	6	2	5
Brun Juventus	2	1	0	5	3	5
Adel Juventus	2	0	1	4	3	4
Bris Lions	1	2	0	4	3	4
West Ad Hellas	1	1	1	4	3	3
Melb Croatia	1	1	1	6	3	3
Bris City	1	1	1	4	3	3
Makedonia	1	1	1	2	3	3
Foots JUST	0	2	1	5	6	2
Sun Geo Cross	0	2	1	1	2	2
H'berg Alex	0	1	2	1	4	1
G.C. Ajax	0	1	2	1	5	1

## Franken and Sproul

Canberra goalkeeper Tony Franken and West Adelaide's Gary Sproul maintain their tussle for leadership in our Boral Bricks best player award. Both have polled 17 votes so far.

The winner will receive \$1,500 in cash.

The top scorer of the season will get \$1,000 from Boral Bricks.

### Top vote-getters so far:

17. Franken (Can), Sproul (WA)
14. McIntosh (PC)
13. McMillan (Mak), Bradley (APIA)
12. Savor (S. Croat), Ratcliffe (St. G), Jackson (Lions)
11. Hoare (Black), Maxwell (A.C.), Murray (Hak), Tansey (FJ)
10. Senkalski (NU), P. Tredinnick (APIA), Kosmina (Hak), Wishart (BC)
9. O'Reilly (SGC), Skeen (St. G), Liddell (BC)

## BORAL BRICKS

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Brown (SMH), Cannell (GGA)

8. Gosling (NU), Caban (APIA), Farrugia (ME), Farina (Can), Kay (Hak), Patikas (Oly), McGachey (WA)
7. Petersen (Heid), Gray (APIA), Cullen (B. Juve), Murphy (SMH), Denys (GGA)

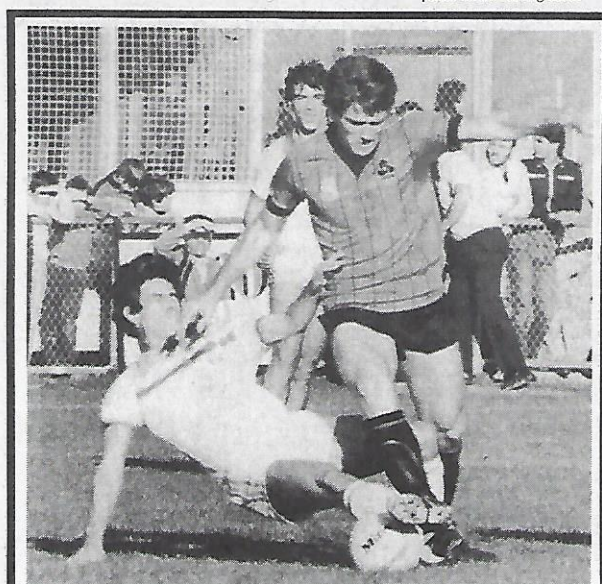
### Leading scorers:

4. Soper (Oly)
3. Brandt (NU), Marton (St. G), Sweeney (B. Juve)
2. Savor, Arnold (S. Croat), Wotherspoon (PC), Cumming (M. Croat), Farina (Can), Kosmina (Hak), Bundalo (V), McDonagh (Lions), Lujic (FJ), Brown, Yzendoorn (SMH)

## Team of the week

In brackets: No of times appeared in team of the week.

KEOGH (1) (Brun. Juventus)	DOBSON (1) (Makedonia)	TANSEY (1) (J.U.S.T.)	HAZABENT (1) (J.U.S.T.)
FARRUGIA (1) (Melita E)	MAXWELL (1) (Adel. Juventus)	MARTON (1) (St. George)	BROMFIELD (1) (Bris. City)
PAPADOPOULOS (1) (WA-Hellas)	SOPER (1) (Olympic)		



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## AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

**HAKOAH 1 (Kosmina 32nd) PENRITH CITY 1 (Wotherspoon 2nd) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 750.**

**Ratings by Peter Scott:**  
HAKOAH: Pezzano 6 — Cant 7, Robertson 6, O'Connor 7, Lynch 6 — Kay 7, Watson 7, Gomez 8 — Murray 8, Kosmina 7, Boden 6 (Fletcher 6th). Coach: Eddie Thomson.  
PENRITH CITY: Gibson 6 — Brogan 6, McIntosh 7, Daly 6, Cross 6 — Wotherspoon 7, Lindsay 6, Fitzharris 6 — Cotton 5, Jackson 5. Hunter 6. Coach: Willie Wallace.  
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Murray (H), 5. Gomez (H), 4. McIntosh (PC), 3. Kosmina (H), 2. Wotherspoon (PC), 1. Watson (H).

**BLACKTOWN CITY 0 MELITA 1 at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 1623. Ratings by Mick Mikolajczyk:**

BLACKTOWN: Hoare 8 — Wheatley 7, Dunleavy 6, Pointer 6, Shaw 6, Selva 6, M. Burke 5 (B. Thornthwaite 53rd), Byrne 6, Sandy 5 (McLaughlin 7th), Larkin 6, O'Connor 7. Coach: Casey de Bruin.  
MELITA: McPherson 7 — McAusland 7, McGinn 6, Wilson 6, H. Tredinnick 7, Allen 6, Farrugia 6, Davies 6, Farnsworth (J. McKie 8th), Griffiths 5 (McDonald 45th), Johnston 7. Coach: Paul Blom.  
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Farrugia (M), 5. Allan (M), 4. Hoare (B), 3. O'Connor (B), 2. J. McKie (M), 1. Johnston (M).

**ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Marton 82nd, 90th) MARCONI 0 at St. George Stadium. Crowd: 2054. Ratings by Alex Vesic:**

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 8 — Skeen 7, Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 8, R. O'Shea (Inj. Koczka 10th), B. — Stone 7, Barton 7, Barton 8, J. O'Shea 7 — Slater 7, Marton 9, Petkovski 6 (Ricoy 83rd). Coach: Frank Arok.  
MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 6, Calderan 7, Djordjevic 8, Rizzotto 7 — Henderson 8, McCulloch 5, Carbone 6 — Jankovics 8, Brown 6, Lican 7 (Lowe 62nd). Coach: Les Scheinflug.  
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Marton (St. G), 5. Barton (St. G), 4. Djordjevic (M), 3. M. O'Shea (St. G), 2. Ratcliffe (St. G), 1. Jankovics (M).

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Egan 78th, Yzendoorn 89th) FOOTSCRAY JUST 2 (Lujic 55th, Carroll 72nd) at Middle Park. Crowd: 4500. Ratings by Peter Desira:**

HELLAS: Laumets 6; Davidson 6; Russell 8; Yzendoorn 9, Kalifatidis 7; Kanousilis 8; Crino 7; Murphy 7; Egan 8; Lewis 6 (Kalambokis 62nd), Brown 7. Coach: Len McKendry.  
JUST: Tsagaras 7; Hazabent 8; McDowell 8; Tansey 9, Tutill 6; Curovic (Bekiaris 24m 7); O'Donnell 7; Taylor 7; Carroll 7; Belic 8, Lujic 8. Coach: Bob McLachlan.  
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Tansey 5. Hazabent 4. Yzendoorn 3. Kanousilis 2. Lujic 1. Egan.

**WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 3 (Papadopoulos 44; Stamatelopoulos 48; Panagis 52) GREEN GULLY AJAX 1 (Cannell, pen 76) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2200. Ratings by Frank Pangallo:**

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 8; Hiern 7 (sent off 70th); McGregor 6; McCachey 7; Honeyman 7; Stamatelopoulos (Papazoglou 66th), Konstantopoulos 7 (Stefanopoulos 69th); Panagis 7; Malavazos 7; Atsalas 7; Papadopoulos 9. Coach: Sam Salabasidis.  
GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 7; P. Beranic 6; Hogben 6; D. Beranic 6; Cannel 7; Wade 6; Smart 7; Vassallo 7; Toal 6; Smallman (Mancinelli 5th), 6. Williams 6. Coach: Jimmy Rooney.  
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Papadopoulos (Hellas) 5. Sproul (Hellas) 4. McCachey (Hellas) 3. Malavazos (Hellas) 2. Denys (Ajax) 1. Cannell (Ajax).

**BRISBANE CITY 1 (Fabrizio 72nd) WOLLONGONG 1 (Bundalo 84th) at Spencer Park. Crowd: About 1200. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:**

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8; Fabrizio 8, Hughes 7, Liddell 8, Wilkinson 7, Swan 6, (Perry 66th) Pimblett 7, Hamilton 5, Scriggins 6 (Mengotti 80th), Mountford 7, Bromfield 9. Coach: Joe Gilroy.  
WOLLONGONG: Tilsed 8, Green 5 (Kukulovski 84th), Vilestra 7, Kerr 7 (Kotamandis 73rd), Hristovski 8, Willis 7, Beggs 6, Fontana 5, Bundalo 7. Coach: Adrian Alston.  
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Bromfield (BC) 5. Wishart (BC) 4. Tilsed (W) 3. Liddell (BC) 2. Hristovski (W) 1. Fabrizio (BC).

**CANBERRA ARROWS 1 (Bryant penalty 77th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2 (Ward 46th, Sweeney 47th) at National Sports Centre, Canberra. Crowd: 1300.**

**Ratings by Peter Windsor:**  
CANBERRA: Franken 9, Ontong 7 (Hogg 65th), Murray 7, Redmond 7, Jones 8, Bryant 8, Brockbank 7, Semanni 7, Perinovic 6, (Phillips 68th), 6. Reis 7, Farina 8. Coach: Doug Collins.  
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Keogh 9, Geremia 8, Lloyd 7, Hird 7, Dowie 7 — Cullen 8, Rogers 7, Miranda 7 — Sweeney 8, Ward 7, Zinni 8. Coach: John Margaritis.  
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. S. Keogh (U), 5. Franken (C), 4. Sweeney (J), 3. Farina (C), 2. Cullen (J), 1. Bryant (C).

**NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Brandt 27th) APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Bradley 55th) at the International Sports Centre. Crowd: 2043. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni:**

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Gosling 7 — Kerby 8, Burke 7, Boogaard 7, Cowburn 7, McQuarrie 6 (Morgan 76th), Senkalski 6, Mason 7, Maier 6 — McClelland 7, Brandt 7. Coach: Ken Kaiser.  
APIA LEICHHARDT: Parkes 8 — Botalico 7, Pullen 7, Bertogno 7, Brown 6 — Gray 7, Butler 6, P. Tredinnick 8 — Bradley 8 (DeCeglie 72nd), Caban 8, Morsello 6. Coach: Fil Botalico.  
Best six for Boral Bricks best player awards: 6. Tredinnick (APIA), 5. Bradley (APIA), 4. Caban (APIA), 3. Kerby (NU), 2. Burke (NU), 1. Gray (APIA).

**SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Meados 86th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Soper 9th, 57th, 69th) at King Tomislav Park. Crowd: 7300. Ratings by Andrew Dettra:**

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson 6 — Woods 5, Sterrey 6, Vidale 6, Tomasic 5 — Clinch 6, Savor 6, Meades 7, Rezo 5 — Arnold 4, Kirwan 4. Coach: Atti Abonyi.  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7 — Rogers 6, Dakos 7 (Lambropoulos 72nd), Coady 6, Jennings 7 — Phillips 7, Raskopoulos 7, Patikas 8 — Koussas 6, Soper 9, Katholos 7. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.  
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Soper (SO), 5. Patikas (SO), 4. Phillips (SO), 3. Raskopoulos (SO), 2. Meades (SC), 1. Dakos (SO).

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Gojovic 4th, Cumming 47th) BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Daunt 60th, McDonagh 89th) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 2650. Ratings by Kyle Patterson.**

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 6 — Lewis 6, Curcio 6, Parton 5, Adams 7 — Biskic 6 (Hannah 66th), Campbell 5, Faulkner 6 (Markovic 66th), Gojovic 6 — Brogan 6, Cumming 6. Coach: Terry Hennessey.  
BRISBANE LIONS: Evans 5 — Jackson 7, Charlton 7, Hunter 6, Niven 6 — R. Stewart 6, J. Stewart 6, Ogden 6 — Wright 5, Daunt 7, McDonagh 6. Coach: Harry Noon.  
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Brogan (MC) 5. Charlton (BL) 4. Adams (MC) 3. Daunt (BL) 2. Jackson (BL) 1. Cumming (MC).

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Opasinis 6th) HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: About 4500. Ratings by Ken Kontra:**

MAKEDONIA: Potter 7 — Petrovski 7, Dunn 7, McMillan 8, Dobson 9 — Heys 7, Opasinis 8, Odzakovic 6, Campbell 6 (Ollerton 79th) — Cole 7, Lucchesi 6 (Livingstone 79th). Coach: Peter Ollerton.  
HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7 — McKie 7, J. Angell 7, Yank 6, Gabrielson 7 — Selemidis 8, Salvo 7, Petersen 8 (Vagias 81st), Valentine 7 — Winn 5, Patterson 5 (Krajacic 81st). Coach: Brian Garvey.  
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Dobson (Mak) 5. McMillan (Mak) 4. Petersen (H) 3. Opasinis (Mak) 2. Selemidis (H) 1. Yankos (H).

**SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 0 ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Mullen 59th) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: About 2500. Ratings by Craig McKenna:**

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Contin 7 — Barnett 7, Richardson 7, O'Reilly 6, Taylor 6 — Stevenson 5 (Ivanovic 60th), Bain 6, McLaren 6 — McGorran 6 (Campey 75th), Gilder 6, Latif 4. Coach: Tommy Traynor.  
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally 7 — Shillabeer 7, Flounders 7, Melita 7, Nyskhus 7 — De Vito 7 (Cecere H.T. 7), Villani 8, Maxwell 9 — Mullen 8, Gatenby 7, Rankin 7, Coach: Edmund Kraft.  
Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Maxwell (AC) 5. Mullen (AC) 4. Villani (AC) 3. Nyskhus (AC) 2. Richardson (SGC) 1. Melita (AC).





Con Opasinis salutes the crowd at Connor Reserve after scoring for Preston Makedonia. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

## Gutsy Lions chalk off 2-0 deficit

Melb. Croatia 2  
Brisb. Lions 2

Scorers: Gojevic 4th, Cumming 47th (Croatia), Dault 60th, McDonald 89th (Lions).  
Referee: Chris Cambridge 7.  
Venue: Green Gully Reserve.

An enigmatic performance by young midfielder Steve Gojevic epitomised Melbourne Croatia's effort against Brisbane Lions at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

In the opening 20 minutes, Gojevic's tantalising skills were in full view: deft, one-touch passes, fluent runs into space, and clinical finishing near goal.

Yet, the display of skill was to be short and sweet. After scoring in the 4th minute and delighting the crowd with a crisp volley in the 11th minute and delighting the crowd with a crisp volley in the 11th minute (saved spectacularly by the Lions' goalkeeper Wayne Evans), Gojevic faded into obscurity.

Slowly, but surely, his teammates followed suit. However, it wasn't one player's demise that caused Croatia to squander a 2-0 lead, but a steady deterioration of collective will.

As Croatia's workrate slipped from moderate to pedestrian in the second half, the stage was taken by 11 Brisbane Lions players, few of whom have the silky skills of Gojevic. Their performance was one of persistence and grit.

The two-goal advantage Croatia had accumulated while they had poise and purpose was just enough to withstand the enterprising comeback of the Lions, who were rewarded with an equaliser in the 88th minute.

**Man of the Match**  
**DAVE BROGAN**  
(Melbourne Croatia)

The problem Croatia faces as a team is perhaps the same one facing Gojevic: consistency. In the young player's case, consistency will no longer come with experience. For the team, it may take a few more matches before new signings Jim Campbell and Peter Lewis blend in fully, and positional changes by coach Terry Hennessy develop.

But there can be no excuse for lack of endeavor and on this charge all of the Croatia midfielders are guilty. The four players assigned to the middle of the park or thereabouts — Gojevic, Jim Campbell, Jeff Faulkner and Josip Biskic — ceased functioning five minutes after half-time.

Terry Hennessy reacted ruthlessly Biskic and Faulkner were dragged off in a double substitution in the 66th minute; the other two were saved the embarrassment by the rule permitting only two changes per team.

The pity was that Croatia striker Dave Brogan was in fine form, but was starved of the ball for most of the second half. Brogan played a prominent role in both Croatia's goals and worked tirelessly in the forward line.

Brogan shields the ball so well and 'wins' valuable time for teammates to make forward runs. He's lightning sharp on the turn and is quick to spot goalscoring opportunities.

Tommy Cumming was not as effective as usual, but his partnership with Brogan will

# Great Opasinis goal but Ollerton unhappy



Makedonia 1  
Heidelberg 0

Scorer: Opasinis 6th.  
Venue: Connor Reserve.  
Referee: B. Ujoh 7.

Despite the win, player-coach Peter Ollerton was unhappy with his team's performance. He was annoyed that after the first 20 minutes Makedonia allowed their inexperienced opponents to make a match of it.

Certainly after Opasinis' 6th minute goal, it looked as if Makedonia would completely over-run Heidelberg. But as the match progressed and Makedonia failed to press home its advantage, although seldom threatening its opponent's goal, Heidelberg at least matched Makedonia in midfield, particularly in the second half.

Makedonia lined up with Con Opasinis in midfield, Lube Petrovski pushing forward at every opportunity and with Ian Dobson and Robbie Dunn forming a defensive wall in front of sweeper George McMillan.

This worked quite well, particularly as Heidelberg seldom had more than two players up front, and the defensive trio of Dobson, Dunn and McMillan had few problems in holding Steve Winn and Scott Patterson, in fact McMillan had acres of space around him most of the afternoon and one wonders why Heidelberg did not push a man forward to force Makedonia to rearrange its effective backline.

**Man of the Match:**  
**IAN DOBSON**  
(Makedonia)

Makedonia's 6th minute winner was a gem! Petrovski's early cross was headed back across the goal by Gary Cole and Opasinis beat Jeff Ollerton all ends up with a spectacular diving header.

In this stage Mike Petersen, Theo Selemidis, Marcelo Salvo and Mike Valentine had a fair bit of the ball, but most of their midfield work was spoiled by failing to support their two front runners, in fact, Heidelberg just does not seem to be able to get players into the goal area, and although Heidelberg's Winn and Patterson played well, we must concede that they lacked support for most of the match.

One notable exception occurred in the 52nd minute. Salvo attacked McMillan with the ball, turned him inside out and crossed low past the stranded goalkeeper. Winn attempted to tap home from five metres, but his weak shot was saved on the goal line by Dunn. Surely this chance should have been converted.

In the 70th minute, Cole took the ball past two defenders, spotted Lucchesi, who was making a diagonal run to the near post, put a well weighted pass in front of him, but Lucchesi's shot hit the upright and eventually was cleared.

At the other end, Winn volleyed well over the bar from 10

metres when he had time to control the ball and pick his spot.

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## MIGHTY MAXWELL!

S.Geo. Cross 0  
Adel. Juve 1

Scorer: Mullen 59th.  
Venue: Chaplin Reserve.  
Referee: Stuart Mellings 7.  
Cautions: Richardson 5 (SGC).



**Craig Mackenzie**

right flank who could defend as well as get forward."

All of Kref's positional switches at the interval worked. Paul Shillaber switched from right back to left back, Buggy Nyskohus moved from left back to sweeper, Serge Melts was pushed into a central midfield role and Charlie Villani moved across to the right midfield.

"Sunshine-George Cross had its spell in the first 25 minutes. From then on, Adelaide City Juventus had far more of the ball, looked more dangerous going forward and strung together some slick interpassing moves.

Juventus coach Edmund Kref took it all in his stride.

"We're going to play football this year, whether it pleases fans or not. We're going to keep the ball off the opposition and knock it around," said Kref.

Asked why he took off Pat De Vito at half time after the youngster had found acres of space down Juve's right flank, Kref replied:

"De Vito really is an out and out attacker. I was using him in midfield and while he was good going forward, I decided to re-arrange things at half time and get someone on that

Sunshine-George Cross had two good chances to score early. The first fell to Don McLaren after he combined with Ossie Latif down the left but McLaren's shot from 10 metres was blocked. Then Mick McGorian almost scored and what a goal it would have been. Gerry Bennett fluffed the ball superbly toward the near post and McGorian's

glancing header was finger-tipped over by Willie McNally.

Adelaide Juventus served notice of things to come by creating three good chances in five minutes, starting with De Vito in the 30th minute, but the youngster shot straight at Alan Contini.

Then Mark Gatenby shot into Steve Richardson. The ball rebounded to Peter Rankin, free on the left, but his hurried shot went wide of the near post.

A long kick from McNally was allowed to bounce in behind the Sunshine-George Cross defence in the 35th minute. Jim O'Reilly and Contini never communicated properly and were left when Mullen ran through only to sky his 10 metre shot.

The goal that settled this affair came after a tremendous Villani run. The midfielder played a neat one-two then waited past three opponents before chipping the ball to the far post. Mullen came charging in and his diving header from point blank was effective.

A feature of the game was the inability of too many Sunshine-George Cross players to pick up opponents streaming forward.

Richardson did well against Gatenby, while Bennett, as usual, gave his all.

But Steve Maxwell ruled every inch of turf on his left flank. He's some player.

## Brisbane City blows chances

Bris. City 1  
Wollongong 1

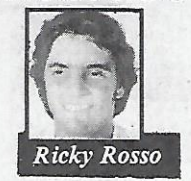
Scorers: Fabrizio 72nd, Bundalo 84th.  
Venue: Spencer Park.  
Cautions: Green (W).  
Referee: Dave Nugent 8.

Brisbane City coach Joe Gilroy summed it up when he sat with his head in his hands for the final minute of his side's 1-1 draw with Wollongong at Spencer Park.

Gilroy seemingly could not watch any further as his side threw away a certain two points.

It was an unentertaining lifeline match, which City should have won easily. But when two points were within their grasp a defensive mistake gave Wollongong a dream equaliser and further extended City's hapless home run of matches without a win.

City has not won at Spencer Park since July last year. And



**Ricky Rosso**

But finally, in the 72nd minute, Luciano Fabrizio made the most of a cross which Bromfield decided to keep low.

Fabrizio cracked the ball beautifully to rocket a low shot into the net.

That should have been the end of the game. But sixteen minutes from time Pimblett made the horror mistake that will haunt him for weeks.

He was given the ball on his own goal-line and attempted to put in a big clearance, rather than playing it back to Wishart who had called loudly.

Normally, Pimblett would have hoofed the ball well upfield and out of the danger zone. But this time his attempt skewed off the side of his boot and went directly to young Wollongong striker Alex Bundalo.

Bundalo, hardly believing his luck, made the most of the chance and cracked a fierce volley into the net.

The second half was all City and youngster Scriggins, who looks to have a big future. Bromfield, Liddell and Swan had good attempts either saved or go narrowly wide.

Gilroy brought on Steve Perry for Swan in the 60th minute, which necessitated the switching of Fabrizio from fullback to midfield.

And the move brought instant results. Fabrizio began taking some of the work off the overloaded Pimblett and city took a firm grasp of the game.

The fact that Fabrizio also scored should prompt Gilroy to consider leaving the youngster in the centre of the park in future matches.

**Man of the Match:**  
**GARY BROMFIELD**  
(Bris. City)

it didn't look like it wanted to, the way it threw away this match.

After a terrible first half characterised by bad passing and poor control in confined spaces, City took control and began attacking in the second period.

With an attack heavily weighted down the left hand side through Gary Bromfield, Bobby Hamilton and Lee Scriggins, City began to break young Wollongong fullback David Green.

Bromfield was using his pace to repeatedly get behind Green and carry the ball to the byline.

But many of his crosses were wasted as his teammates put shots and headers wide and over the crossbar.

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# Sweeney strikes, Keogh King

## Blasby — a Chinese meal then he starred for Greeks!

From page one

"I had a raging fever for a couple of weeks, I got delicious and hallucinated. The first time was the worst. I've only had it twice since, but in milder doses. It can be contained," Blasby said.

Blasby's appetite, however, still runs rampant. He eats quarter pounders with cheese like someone with a season's ticket to McDonald's. He's also partial to Chinese food.

"I remember back in the 70's sitting at home, pretty bored, mid-week. There was no training because Victoria was playing against Atriontis, a Greek side that was touring at the time. I decided to go and have a look at the game. I went to the city first and had a four-course Chinese meal, then went straight to Olympic Park. All these Greeks from Heidelberg grabbed me as soon as I walked in the gates and told me that I was playing for Atriontis because their goalkeeper wasn't fit. I had my training gear in the boot of the car so I went and got it. The match was due to kick-off at 8.30 pm. I was getting changed at 8.20 pm. I didn't have time for any nerves. God knows what the Greeks would have thought if I'd sped up. Anyway we drew 1-1 with Victoria. There was me, just after this meal, not being able to speak Greek and the Atriontis players not knowing a word of English. I got a rating of nine out of 10 for my performance. Just shows you, eh?"

Blasby returned to England in 1973, to visit his parents and grandparents and spent two weeks with Manchester United's youth team. He also played with Eastbourne United in the Southern League. Pines held a dance to raise enough money for Blasby's return late that year and in 1974 he captained the side, then in the Provisional Leagues.

The next season was his first in "the big time". He joined Albion Rovers, then in the Metropolitan First Division. "It was a big move for me. I was getting \$15 a week. I didn't know much about contracts then."

"Bobby McLachlan was the coach and Ian Reid, Gordon Cameron, John Pryde and Ernie Ackerley were in the first team. I was in and out of the side. It was a bad season for me."

"That was my first experience of being screamed at. I couldn't have had a better teacher than Bobby on that score. It was frightening at first."

"I lost interest, to tell you the truth. At the end of the season I saw this advert in the papers from a club in New Zealand called Dunedin. They were looking for players so I wrote to them. When they found out that there was \$500 on my head they refused to pay it. So I went to watch Heidelberg playing and one of the committeemen invited me to training. I joined Heidelberg and Albion got \$250 and Pines got \$250."

It was one of his bendings in 1978 which ended Blasby's association with Heidelberg. In that time he'd been under a few different coaches. What has he got to say about some of them?

"Jack Reilly is a great coach for goalkeepers. He helped me a lot. He hurt me a lot too, at training, but it was worth it. He's a very emotional coach. He had a pretty patchy year but I enjoyed myself."

Jim Adam had this fixation with white poles. About 20 or 30 of them. They'd be stuck all over the ground when you came out for training and you'd keep running and running around them. He'd also play music to get us in the right mood before a game. It didn't do me much good. Our tastes in music weren't the same."

Blasby's musical tastes often flourished at parties but he's decided that a professional singing career no longer is for him.

"Somehow, I don't think I'll make a career out of it now, but I'll keep singing on social occasions."

He joined Melbourne Croatia for the 1979 season, an outstanding one. With Blasby in goal, the side won the Dock-leave championship. The



Peter Blasby

erty and State League Cups. Blasby has been an almost permanent fixture in the first team ever since.

There have been lows at Croatia though. One hit hard in 1981 when he was accused, along with Carl Gilder and Steve Short, of taking a bribe to throw a vital league game against eventual champion Green Gully Ajax.

"I take everything to heart. I know that's wrong. I know I shouldn't do it, but that's me. When I'm told that I'm to blame for a defeat, it really hits me. I worry a lot about things like that."

"A lot of our supporters still think that we were bribed, you know. I spoke to one over a beer after we had played Morwell down in Morwell last year and he told me that he reckoned I threw the game against Gully. That hurts."

There also have been good times off the field with Croatia. Tasmania seems to have a strange effect on Blasby. Ian Gibson and a Hobart hotel manager can testify to that. So too, can a pair of security guards at Hobart airport.

"Croatia was over there on an end-of-season trip and I just decided to be a psychopath at the airport. So here's me tossing weird looks at everyone and sliding along this wall, seeing from the side to side when these two security blocks see me. So I went and hid in this trolley and started to move it. They grabbed me and made me put the trolley back. We went to the bar for a few drinks and I did the psychopath bit again. It didn't go down too well with some people in the bar."

Terry Gardner, now coaching Polonia in the Victorian State League, worked hard with Blasby at Croatia.

"I owe Johnny a lot and I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank him for everything he's done for me. We spent a lot of time on Saturday mornings and after work, improving my game. I'm better player for having worked under him."

And what of his current coach, former Welsh international captain Terry Hennessey?

"He's very down-to-earth, he tells you straight, exactly what he thinks. He certainly hasn't got any favorites and that's something I respect. Terry's very professional in everything he does and I'm sure that he'll do well for himself here, especially once he settles in."

Croatia should have a good year. We've got Jimmy Campbell and Peter Lewis now and that's going to be a real bonus. We're still letting in silly goals. That has to stop. But as a bunch of lads the Croatia players are great. Every one of them. If everyone sticks together and helps each other, we'll all do well for ourselves by having a great season."

"I still want to play for Victoria. That's something that's been bugging me for a while. I want to play for Australia too. What players would that?"

But enough of this seriousness. Let's go out the way we came in.

What's your favorite team, Peter?  
"The A Team."  
Who's your favorite player, Peter?  
"Mad Dog Murdoch."  
Goodnight Peter.

## Canberra 1 Brunsv Juventus 2

Scorers: Ward 46th, Sweeney 47th (B.J.), Bryant penalty 77th (C).

Venue: National Sports Centre, Canberra.  
Cautions: Brockbank and Murray (yellow cards)  
Referee: Neil Murray, 8.

Two goals in 60 seconds — One hotly disputed the other a classic — was enough to give NSL newcomer Brunswick Juventus the points in a fighting 2-1 victory over Canberra Arrows at the National Sports Centre.

It was a game of minute-by-minute action. And one in which Juventus, unknown outside of Melbourne, showed flair, great pace up-front and fine all-round team-work.



Peter Windsor

But for sheer acrobatic ability and a faultless all-round performance, the Man-of-the-Match award went to Juventus's young 22-year-old goalkeeper, Sean Keogh, who just edged out Canberra's goalkeeper Tony Frank.

It was a great game — one in which perhaps a draw would have been the best result — but one in which Juventus took its chances.

The turning point was the Juventus goal in the 48th and 47th minutes — and then heavy Canberra pressure in which twice young Keogh denied Frank Farina with incredible

saves with the bar then coming to Juventus's rescue.

After 15 minutes with both teams having been many times in each other's goal-mouth, Keogh went down brilliantly to save a close-range rocket from midfielder Tommy Serranelli, a shot he pushed away for a corner.

A minute later, a Reis Farina one-two saw Farina slot the ball under Keogh's body and into the net.

The crowd was jubilant — But only momentarily as referee Neil Murray, in his NSL debut, whistled immediately for a hand ball by Farina. It was a correct decision.

Nine minutes later it was again Farina — this time with a probing header — and again Keogh fingertipped the ball away for a corner. Within two minutes it was Frank's turn to push out for a corner a fine searching shot from midfielder Robert Cullen.

And then, right on the half-time break, Farina and Reis combined well and burst the Juventus defence and Farina's close-range shot was a hard

## Man of the Match: SEAN KEOGH (Brunsv. Juve)

one — but Keogh somehow parried and then gathered the rebound.

A great first stanza. Almost from its first attack in the second half, Juventus took the lead.

Richard Miranda floated a cross in from the left flank and it fell near Canberra's goal post with Sweeney on the ball surrounded by three Arrows defenders and goalkeeper Frank.

The ball somehow trickled into the net with Canberra's players hotly disputing the goal. But it stood. And Gary Ward got the final touch.

And there was no argument about Juve's second. Cullen's cross from the right flank, with Canberra's defence caught still at sixes and sevens, was excellent.

So was Sweeney's first time header from 10 metres out. It ripped into the far corner well

away from Frank's fingers.

Back came Canberra showing incredible tenacity and pace and tore Juventus apart. Again a Reis/Farina combination saw Farina shoot — only to have Keogh push it away for a corner.

In the 54th minute full back Jim Murray scooped in a cross for Canberra and Reis's first-time volley deserved a goal only to thump the crossbar.

In the 58th minute it was Juventus's turn after Harry Hird made a great run, shrugged off four tackles and gave the ball to winger Andrew Zinni. Franken saved by tipping away the shot for the unteeth corner.

It was great end-to-end stuff. Canberra this time marginally shaded Juventus but it wasn't until the 77th minute that Canberra finally scored — from the penalty spot.

Skipper Steve Bryant's free kick appeared to have first hit the referee and then a defender and referee Murray gave a penalty which Bryant converted.

Everyone got their money's worth. It was a thoroughly entertaining game. The only pity was that one side had to win and one lose.

## A big yaw at Gabbie

### Blacktown 0 Melita 0

Venue: Gabbie Stadium  
Referee: Terry Searcy 6.  
Yellow cards: G. Byrne, M. Burke, J. Larkin (B.), J. Davies, S. McDonald (M).

No goals, very little constructive football and a fistful of yellow cards is about all which could be said of this dull struggle for premiership points.

Indeed, so desperate was the confrontation that all semblance of soccer practically disappeared and the five yellow cards were testimony to a match littered with fouls



Mick Mikolajczyk

and a multitude of loose passes.

It was difficult to justify either side getting any points from this performance which at times was closer to rugby than soccer.

Although both teams tried to go forward, the pace of the game was so fast and the tack-



Man of the Match:  
RAY FARRUGIA  
(Melita)

ling so rugged that hardly any moves finished with a shot at goal.

When the players tired late in the second half, there were a few promising moves which nearly brought a winning goal.

Melita produced more chances than the Demons but again failed to capitalise.

One such notable chance came in the 76th minute when Melita's John McKie, an early replacement for the injured Wayne Farnsworth, collected a rebounded clearance outside Blacktown's penalty area but his hot on the run hit the wrong side of the netting.

A few minutes later Blacktown nearly scored when Phil O'Connor got away from his tenacious market Col McAusland, only to see his well floated cross handballed inside the six yard box by Mick McLaughlin.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the match came in the 83rd minute.

Melita's pressure had produced a free kick on the edge of Blacktown's area and as the wall lined up, Ken Wilson strode forward and delicately floated a curling chip over the wall bound for the top corner. To see keeper Barry Hoare fly to his left to push the ball onto the upright. The rebound scuttled across the face of goal and somehow was cleared by the Blacktown defence.

This brilliant save in the end proved to be worth one point as the last few minutes produced several frantic efforts to score but neither side was capable of breaking the deadlock.

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The great Dez Marton of St George Budapest

## MARTON THE MAGNIFICENT

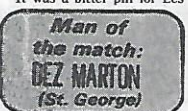
### St George 2 Marconi 0

Scorers: Dez Marton 82', 90'.  
Venue: St George Stadium  
Cautions: Djordjevic, Calderan (M).  
Referee: R. Davies 6.

Dez Marton, the ageing Saints striker, has given his coach, Frank Ark, two reasons to smile and his side two valuable points with well taken goals close to full time at St. George Stadium.

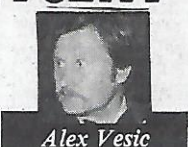
With only eight minutes to go Marton latched onto a perfectly measured through ball by John O'Shea to round Bruce James then race in score from an acute angle. With time running out, Marton was on the scene again having to tussle with Jovan Djordjevic before getting through then left footed a fierce drive to beat James again.

It was a bitter pill for Les



Scheinflug and his Marconi team to swallow. After being deposited as national team coach, Les saw his side come within a whisker of matching a draw against St. George, only to be beaten in the dying minutes of the match.

The game certainly lived up to expectations. Marconi with five ex-youth internationals and three full internationals in the side, came out to show that its early form was no indication to what is to be expected from the side this year. A lot of fight and a lot of courage was displayed by all, but in the end one could not help feeling that the home side always had an edge.



Alex Vesic

and Peter Stone outplayed their counterparts from Marconi and thus created more than sufficient number of opportunities but chances went begging.

For those who might think that this was a one-sided affair, think again!

Marconi, with the wind at its back in the first half, could have taken the lead on at least two occasions and both times it was the tall, lanky Rod Brown who could have given Marconi this much needed boost.

One hell of a clearance by James gave Brown his first chance in the 12th minute. Some 12 metres out, Brown placed his weak shot straight at Greedy. Only a few minutes later Andy Koczka stuck his big foot in the way and what looked a certain goal from the boot of Brown became a corner kick. Midway through the first half, McCulloch found Jankovics who headed down for Brown. A volley from 14 metres followed, but wide.

Brown was through again, midway through the second half, but his shot was brilliantly saved by Greedy.

For Frank Ark this was his 21st successive match without defeat! But the win over Marconi was costly for Ark for he lost his star defender, Robert O'Shea, O'Shea was injured after only five minutes following a tackle by Steve Calderan. The injury looks serious and could keep O'Shea out of the game for more than six weeks. Koczka, normally a striker, slotted into the fullback position in style, however.





# McLachlan slams Hellas strikers, McKendry defends Paul Lewis

## SM Hellas 2 J.U.S.T. 2

Scorers: Lujic 55th, Carroll 72nd (J.U.S.T.); Egan 78th, Yzendoorn 89th (Hellas).

Referee: Jim Fokianos 6

Cautions: Hazabent

Will Paul Lewis, the most expensive signing in the National League this season, fit into the South Melbourne Hellas side?

That was the burning question Hellas supporters were asking themselves after seeing the striker being hauled off by coach Len McKendry after a largely undistinguished performance in which he was totally blotted out by Igor Hazabent.

JUST coach Bobby McLachlan certainly bought into the argument with this stinging comment after the match:

"For a forward line worth around \$75,000 I'd certainly be expecting more from my strikers."

"But perhaps I'm not paying our players enough credit. We certainly don't have the money to splash out on players but there was no way out there today that Hellas looked better than us during the game."

McKendry preferred to dwell on the reasons behind the substitutions rather than talk in money terms.

"It doesn't matter how much a player costs, what does matter is whether a player functions or doesn't."

## Peter Desira

"We needed to make a tactical change at that stage of the game and after we made the substitution it became a very different game."

McKendry conceded that Lewis wasn't playing well but came to the defence of the striker nevertheless.

"Everyone has to remember that this is Paul Lewis' pre-season. He is not match fit, his timing is not there yet and it will take him another three weeks to reach the level of fitness the rest of the squad is in."

"On top of that, Paul's wife is due to have a baby soon and I'd say that is playing on his mind somewhat."

While Lewis was getting substituted, another player who cost Hellas nothing was having the game of his life and looking like a seasoned performer rather than a youngster making his NSL debut.

John Kanesoulis, promoted by McKendry to the first team during the close season, outshone Kenny Murphy and possibly Oscar Crino with a hard working midfield display and a couple of touches of skill we're

more used to seeing from the South American maestro.

"I was delighted by John's performance. He started slowly but got stronger and better as the game wore on," said McKendry.

"It would have been easy for me to take him off when we were losing 0-2 but the fault lay up front and that is where I made the change."

"I've said all along that we will produce players apart from buying at Hellas, and the fact that we kept the young 18 year old on the park proves that the policy is not just mere words."

While Kanesoulis deserves credit for his performance, the man of the match in my books was that steady veteran Jim Tansey.

Provided as sweeper, Tansey provided the steady influence at the back for JUST, reading several of Hellas' forward thrusts to perfection, tackling well and starting a number of moves out of defence.

The match itself provided a number of talking points and enough entertainment value to more than satisfy any paying customer.

There were two goals disallowed, a penalty decision which was reversed, another penalty which was never given, and a comeback by Hellas from 0-2 down to snatch the equaliser right on full time.

The first disallowed goal came after only two minutes

## Man of the Match JIM TANSEY (J.U.S.T.)

when Zdravko Lujic ran onto Vlatko Belic's square pass to hammer home only to be told by referee Jim Fokianos that he had handled the ball while controlling it.

Lujic got his revenge, breaking the deadlock in the 55th minute with a run down the left flank, turning past Alan Davidson then slamming the ball home from a narrow angle.

Footsray added to the lead when Chris Bekiaris slipped past Chris Kalifaidis in a breakaway in the 72nd minute to centre for Joe Carroll, who controlled and then calmly slipped the ball past the advancing Peter Laumets.

Bekiaris had come on as a substitute for Suleiman Curovic who had his eye split open in the 24th minute in a tussle with Crino and required seven stitches to close the gash.

Before Carroll's goal, Hellas was surprisingly awarded a penalty for a handling offence in the area.

But under pressure from the Footsray players Fokianos was forced to consult his linesman who pointed out that the handball was committed by a

Hellas player and the referee was forced to reverse his decision.

A clearer penalty incident was a foul on Lujic as he dashed into the area, but the referee took the safe way out, awarding a free-kick to Footsray right on the edge of the box.

South's comeback started with 12 minutes to go when Doug Brown's corner kick was flicked on for Charlie Egan who back headed the ball into the net.

That signalled the start of a mad scramble by South which managed to cram two goals into the closing two minutes.

The first by Yzendoorn was disallowed while a swarm of South Melbourne fans were on the park after jumping the fence to celebrate.

A number of supporters vented their anger at referee Fokianos when they realised the score wouldn't stand and at least one supporter was involved in a scuffle with a policeman.

Certainly the NSL should take action to stop these field invasions — the potential is always there for situations to turn nasty and the League must act now to ensure Hellas keeps its supporters under control.

Luckily, Hellas did get the equaliser to diffuse the situation but it couldn't have left it any later.

Crino received a short throw-in and waltzed past two players before setting up Yzendoorn who fired home from the centre of the penalty area for a goal which stood this time.

## Get your shooting boots on

### Hakoah 1 Penrith 1

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field

Scorers: Wotherpoon (PC)

2nd, Kosmina (H) 32nd.

Referee: Rennie 5.

Cautions: McIntosh (PC).

The wild west will come to Sydney Athletic Field this week, if Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson is to be believed.

"It's shooting practice time again," he said in the moments after the final whistle of a frustrating match for his charges.

And no wonder he was frustrated.

Although down one goal for half an hour in the first half, the famous Blues could well have won by four clear goals.



Peter Scott

In fact, Willie raised a few eyebrows by confiding to assembled media men that he was somewhat disappointed at not having taken both points away from the Athletic Field.

Hmmm, that's what one would call boosting your players' confidence, the job of a good coach.

The fact is, of course, that Penrith can be more than happy with a valuable point against what is likely to be one of the best two or three teams again in the NSL.

The visitor's happiness was at bursting point after a quick break in the 2nd minute.

Fitzharris swept away on the left wing, leaving the Hakoah defence in his wake and out of position.

A crisp, low, cross-ball wrong-footed the Hakoah defence, and allowed Wotherpoon to go down low for a header which was in the back of the net before Tony Pezzano had a chance to get at it.

Apert from short and rare moments, the match from here on in developed into a very one-sided affair, and even

before Kosmina's equaliser, which caught the Penrith defence napping, many thought it was just a matter of time before Hakoah took complete control and whacked in a few goals.

This was not to be. Murray drew the whole defence before slipping a ball that had Gomez completely unmarked just eight metres out — but he shot wide.

Early in the second half the roles were reversed.

This time Gomez beat a fairly naive Penrith offside trap on the half line, found Murray with a sharp ball across the face of the goal only to see the Scotsman fail to control the situation.

Murray made connection with the ball, but somehow managed to scoop it high from one metre out.

Kosmina did manage to get the ball into the back of the Penrith net once again, after some clever grafting by Murray in the 62nd minute.

But, it was to no avail, as referee Rennie, somewhat mysteriously, saw an offside infringement, after his linesman firmly signalled "play on".

But a word of caution to everyone.

The Hakoah boys are mad as hell about silly points dropped against newcomers Penrith and Blacktown in recent weeks.

That anger is ready to boil over into a top notch display any day now.

## Man of the Match: WILLIE MURRAY (Hakoah)

Alas, chances went begging time and time again, allowing the coach of the Penrith rookies, Willie Wallace, to bask in the glory of a point gained, which was not expected by any but the most enthusiastic Penrith supporters.

## Olympic in mean mood, Soper scintillating

### Andrew Dettre

## Syd. Croatia 1 Olympic 3

Venue: King Tomislav Park.

Crowd: 7300

Referee: P. Ramplav

Goals: 0-1 Soper (9 min); 0-2 Soper (57 min); 0-3 Soper (69 min); 1-3 Meados (86 min).

King Tomislav Stadium's NSL baptism happened to bring out the meanest in Olympic: it was at its pulsating best and, with a little more concentration, could have

ended up with a scoreline of 6-0 or more.

Frankly, the two teams were not in the same class and never for a moment was the outcome in any doubt.

Perhaps, if Croatia managed to take two big chances in the 17th and 18th minutes, it might have been different.

But by that time it was down 0-1 to a clever Soper goal: he flicked home a Jennings' back-header in the goalmouth, surrounded by ball-watching Croatia defenders.

Gradually, but forcefully, Olympic took over; its smooth midfield carved Croatia to bits.

Soper could have had his second goal in the 31st minute when he turned brilliantly with the ball and sent a gently dipping Eder-shot just wide.

Despite the hot and humid

## Man of the Match: MARSHALL SOPER (Olympic)

conditions, Olympic increased the pace in the second half and made it into a procession to the Croatia goal.

The terrifying explosiveness of Patikas, the almost arrogantly authoritative distribution of Raskopoulos and the busy grafting of Phillips seized the midfield for Olympic: Croatia rapidly faded from the game.

Katholos, who was a last minute surprise selection, didn't fare badly at all although he appeared too

anxious to grab a goal with some long range shots and wrecked a few promising moves.

The decider fell in the 57th minute. Soper chased a ball on the left almost to the byline, turned with it, edged in a bit to find an angle and then smashed a superb shot into the far corner.

Barely 12 minutes later a re-born Soper made it three Katholos let him go on the left and the tall striker easily left Woods behind, bursting towards goal and finally letting go a fierce left-footer that ricocheted in off Watson's despairing arm.

It was marvellous to see Soper at his best: not one incident, not one risky charge into a goal — all pure football of excellent quality.

And it wasn't just his three goals — as if that weren't enough — but his flicks, his constant repositioning and his link-up with the rest of the team all will be remembered.

In the end he could have had two more goals — but missed his target. Instead it was Croatia which reduced the margin when Meados slammed in a loose ball from some six metres.

Now, a word about this stadium some 50 km from Sydney.

It has every chance of becoming a first rate football venue: the pitch is perfect, the facilities very adequate. Croatia added seats to two sides of the ground — and in one week built a brand new pressroom — which is already the best in Sydney.

If it can solve the chaotic parking problems in a congested, narrow street outside the stadium, few visitors will have anything to complain about.

Pity its team wasn't on the day, up to the standard of its stadium. I know it will improve. Atilla Abonyi will see to that. But I still can't see it as a title threat: far too many of its players look and play like real State Leaguers.

## West too slick for plodding Gully

### W.A. Hellas 3 G.G. Ajax 1

Scorers: Papadopoulos (WA) 44; Stametelopoulos 48 (WA); Panagis (WA) 52; Cannell (GGA) 76.

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Cautions: Toal (GGA)

Send offs: Hiern (WA) 68.

Referee: M. Browning (ISA)

6. Young and energetic West Adelaide Hellas pounced on unsuspecting Green Gully Ajax in a lively clash at Hindmarsh Stadium.

It was Hellas' first win of the season but by no means will it be one of few-as has been the case in the past two seasons.

Hellas, fielding a side made up of youngsters apart from veterans McGachey, McGregor and Honeyman, was too fast for a plodding Green Gully.

Ajax, cheered on by a busload of supporters, didn't get off to a good start, losing Smallman after only five minutes.

Despite the bad luck, Ajax had most of the early play.

But there were ominous signs. Hellas was a definite threat on the counter attack and it took two fine saves by Ajax's Lou Denys to keep the scores level.

Ajax never looked confident across the back but in midfield Ken Smart was in a menacing mood in attack.

Smart was given plenty of room early and it nearly cost Hellas dearly but for poor finishing.

Sprout denied Smart in the 25th minute but Smart twice had easy scoring chances five minutes before half time.

Hellas looked more composed and confident as the game wore on.

Hellas' young and inexperienced strikers Konstantopoulos, Papadopoulos and Malavazos refused to be intimidated by the physical Ajax defence and continued to bore away at goal.

The reward came just on half time when Steve Papadopoulos, an exciting buy from State league club Polonia, weaved into the box and struck a low ground shot that took a deflection and trickled past Denys, who had committed himself in the opposite direction.

Hellas wasted no time in asserting its grip on the game. Honeyman and McGachey were in control across the backlines, the midfield was pushing forward and the striking trio had Ajax running in circles.

Papadopoulos orchestrated Hellas' second with a great run down the left before squaring for teenager Theo Stametelopoulos to thump past Denys in the Ajax goal.

Barely had Ajax time to regroup when Hellas had the Melbourne side against the ropes.

After a series of missed chances in the box, Panagis finally sent his shot to the net.

and a Hellas victory was assured.

Ajax showed little fight when the chips were down and couldn't contain the youthful enthusiasm of Hellas.

Referee Mike Browning sent Hellas' Brenton Hiern off after the tall defender received his second caution with 20 minutes left in the match.

However, Ajax didn't really capitalise and its only consolation was a penalty awarded after McGachey made a mess of a challenge on Ajax defender David Hogben.

The Hellas victory was its biggest in more than two seasons at home — and it spelt the beginnings of a resurgence of this once great and powerful SA club.

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# THE NSL'S 'ONE CLUB' PLAYERS

Table shows appearances and goals in each NSL season

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	TOTAL
	Apps	Apps	Apps	Apps	Apps	Apps	Apps	Apps
Joe Watson.....	21 (1)	25 (5)	21 (6)	26 (3)	30 (4)	29 (2)	30 (2)	182 (23)
Graham Honeyman.....	17 (2)	23 (5)	23	26 (3)	27 (2)	30 (14)	28 (2)	174 (28)
Frank Pimblett.....	25 (3)	21	26 (1)	17	29	30 (2)	22	170 (6)
Brisbane City								
Steve O'Connor.....	20 (1)	25 (1)	24	21	27 (1)	23	28 (1)	168 (4)
(Sydney City)								
Jan McGregor.....	24 (5)	24 (7)	22 (1)	25	20 (1)	27	26	168 (14)
(West Adelaide)								
Bugsy Nyskohus.....	5	26 (1)	26	26	30 (1)	29 (1)	25 (1)	167 (4)
(Adelaide City)								
Alan Niven.....	22	19	14	25 (2)	27	28 (1)	30 (5)	165 (8)
Brisbane Lions								
Murray Barnes.....	23 (12)	22 (4)	26 (6)	23 (10)	28 (11)	21 (3)	20 (2)	163 (48)
(Sydney City)								
Allan Maher.....	26	26	26	25	25	27	4	159
(Marconi)								
Sergio Melia.....	22 (1)	8 (1)	7	24 (2)	29 (5)	29 (5)	29 (4)	149 (17)
(Adelaide City)								
Theo Selemidis.....	1	13	10 (1)	27 (1)	30 (1)	28 (2)	30 (2)	138 (7)
(Heidelberg)								
Todd Clarke.....	5	23	26	19	22	29	13	137
(Sydney City)								
Paul Degney.....	26 (1)	26	26 (2)	16	25	6	10	135 (3)
(Marconi)								
Kevin Mullen.....	23	24 (1)	16 (1)	21 (1)	17 (1)	21	10 (1)	131 (5)
(Sydney City)								
Neil McGachy.....	24 (4)	26 (4)	7	6 (1)	8	27	10	108 (9)
(West Adelaide)								
Willie Conner.....	22 (4)	17 (2)	1	11 (2)	16 (3)	23 (4)	1	93 (15)
(Brisbane City)								
John Ogden.....	2	6	13	11	14	15 (1)	17	78 (1)
(Brisbane Lions)								

## SELEMIDIS ON THE ATTACK!

He wants goals to get back into limelight

By PETER DESIRA



Heidelberg midfielder Theo Selemidis, during one of his 14 Soccerroo appearances.

Twenty minutes as a substitute way back in 1977 qualified Theo Selemidis for inclusion in a select group of players whose number is diminishing by the season.

Selemidis is one of 17 players who have served only one club since the start of the National League eight years ago and made senior appearances in every one of these seasons.

He is the only Victorian in that group — and what's more the youngest at 24. So he could well end up outlasting them all to claim a unique record — providing he renews his contract with Heidelberg in the next few days.

The select group includes veteran stars like Joe Watson, Murray Barnes, Steve O'Connor, Bugsy Nyskohus and Alan Niven, all of whom are around 30.

Among those likely to drop out of the running for the record are Allan Maher and Paul Degney, neither of whom is in the Marconi first team squad this season, and Willie Conner of Brisbane City who had one solitary appearance — as substitute — last season.

Selemidis was a raw 16-year-old — and was thrust into the big derby against South Melbourne Hellas.

The game ended in a 1-1 draw and still lives fresh in Theo's mind. "Playing in the big derbies is one of the highs for any Heidelberg player and it was a thrill to play in that match."

It was only the second round of the season and I came on to play as a winger.

"Jim Adam was the coach at Heidelberg then. I had just joined the club during the close season and had a similar 20 minute run in a friendly game against Hellas which we won 3-0 a few weeks before."

"In that sense you could say I had some experience, so I wasn't overawed. "But that was the only run I got in the first team and all I was really doing was training with the first team squad the rest of the year."

A lot of water has passed under the bridge since then, among them an NSL top four winners' medal, two runner-up positions in the league, representing Australia at youth and senior levels and being appointed captain of the side.

At 24, he is one of the youngest skippers in the NSL and the move already has paid off by bringing Selemidis out of his shell more.

"Up till now I've always been among the younger players in the side, and I've been pretty quiet."

"After all, what could one like the likes of Jimmy Rooney, Jim Campbell and Gary Cole expect the occasional 'man on' or a call for the ball?"

"Now I find myself the oldest member of the team and I find I have gained confidence. As the captain I've got to accept the responsibility of encouraging players and so far I've been quite happy with my performances."

Selemidis sprang into the Soccerroos' senior side at 20 and is one of the few left in Australia with a good word for former national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

"I never got to play for a full game in the 14 internationals in which I represented Australia. Gutendorf either used me as a substitute or started with me and then took me off."

"But at least Gutendorf always had his

eye on me and did give the opportunity. He took me with the youth team to New Zealand and South America and then promoted me into the seniors."

"Everybody has heard some of the stories that came out of the European tour but I'm not one to put him down, because it was he who gave me a chance."

"I enjoyed and learned from the experience of travelling with the Soccerroos and the real shame is that I've been shrugged aside since then." All of Selemidis' 14 Soccerroo games came in 1980 and he has since inexplicably not only been overlooked by the national team but also omitted by Victoria.

He lists the snub by Victoria among the lows of his career.

"The fact that I've not been considered for the State team is probably the biggest downer I've had. I've not even been in a preliminary squad despite giving what I thought was good services at the club."

"That hurts but one can only keep playing to the best of his ability in the hope of being given another call."

Selemidis believes his lack of goals may have contributed to his omission from State and national teams.

"People tend to remember only the ones who score goals regardless of who played well in matches."

"I certainly am at fault there because I've only scored a handful in all these seasons. That is something I hope to change this season."

"In the past I've concentrated too much on defensive duties. Now I have the confidence and hopefully the freedom to be more of an attacking midfielder."

Despite playing under several big-name coaches like Len McKendry, John Margaris and Manny Poulakakis, Selemidis

names a junior coach — Oscar Montalva — as the man who probably taught him most in soccer.

"I've learned something from each coach I've played under but at senior level I've probably learned more from the players played alongside."

"Branko Buljevic was one of my favorite players and I've been helped by the likes of Jimmy Rooney, Jim Tansey and Pat Bannon."

Montalva, who is a former Chilean international, was one of the best coaches I've had as far as learning the basics was concerned."

Selemidis would not be drawn into picking a Heidelberg best eleven from the players with whom he was played.

"Just starting with the goalkeeping position would present problems — there you have Yacka Banovic and Jeff Oliver."

"How could I possibly leave Jeff out when he's one of my best buddies — he'd never let me forget it."

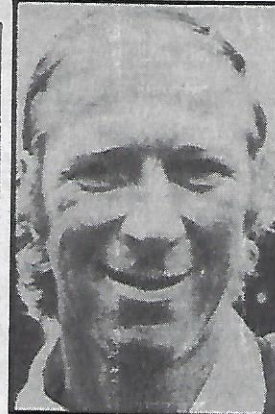
"Generally I'd go for the 1980 side which won the Top Four and finished runner-up both in the League and NSL Cup."

The present-day Heidelberg side cannot be compared with that side but the midfielder will not hear talk of a relegation battle for his young team."

"With the players we've got now we've got enough strength to leave the bottom way below us. We'll finish somewhere round the middle of the table."

"With maybe the addition of another experienced midfielder and forward we could even give the giants scare."

"Whatever you do, don't write us off — we've already proved we won't be any pushover with the game we gave Hellas in the opening round — regardless of the final result."



Jack Charlton, capped 35 times for England.

By RICKY ROSSO

In 1973 Brisbane Lions' John Charlton was offered an apprenticeship by Sheffield Wednesday. It was a chance to make soccer his career and the opportunity which fills the dreams of every young soccer player.

John Charlton, the son of famous England international Jackie Charlton and the nephew of the equally famous Bobby Charlton, replied by quitting the game for nearly three years.

Why? Because the club refused to treat the youngster like every other player.

"They were going to change my name. They said people would think I had got the apprenticeship only because my father was Jackie Charlton," John recalls.

"That really got to me. People had said things like that before but until then it never really worried me. But to change my name would have meant to admit that up until then, I had been using dad's name to get places."

"That has never happened and never will. "I wanted to make it as John Charlton because John Charlton was a good enough player to make it, not because his father played for England, and if I couldn't do that then I didn't want to play at all," John said.

"I can honestly say I have never used my father's name to get me anywhere. Obviously at times certain doors have opened because my name is Charlton but that has been other people's doing."

"I have never pushed the fact and more times than not I have been turned off by people who took that approach," John said.

It's not that John isn't proud to be a Charlton, in fact he admires his father and what he has achieved. But because the family has been in the public spotlight for as long as he can remember, John has learned to be humble and take everything in his stride.

He has done television advertisements, appeared on his father's "This is Your Life" and even went with him to Buckingham Palace.

John accepted long ago that he is a member of a famous family, but it took him longer to accept the fact that people will compare him with his father and will go out of their way to taunt him with accusations that he is riding on the family reputation.

Nearly every time John takes the field, some "smarty" makes a crack about his father, who played 35 times for England, won a World Cup, Football League and FA Cup medals in a career which saw him play 629 league matches.

But now, John has heard all the smart remarks before and in his own words: "It's like water off a duck's back."

The big strong defender, who despite his demurs, does look a little like his father, is determined to be himself and a player judged on his own merits.

"Anyone who tried to compare me with my father or uncle Bobby is wasting his time. I

JOHN CHARLTON, Brisbane from Juventus in Hobart, in make it in life and in soccer on is given a lot of stick by the fans name, but what the fans don't cause of their commitment periods during which Bobby, Charlton don't see each other

## Bobby Charlton seen nephew John only in 14 years

• Tattoos on his fore arms are a legacy of John's "wild boy" era. "I hid them for a long time but dad saw them one night while I was asleep. He asked to see my arms in the morning. He said I was a bloody idiot."



JOHN CHARLTON (Brisbane Lions)

would love to be as good or as successful as they were but it is impossible.

"I am a different person playing in a different era. I should be judged on how I perform against my opponents, not on how I perform compared with my father," said John, who was signed last month by Lions from Tasmanian State League side Juventus.

Lions is a far cry from Leeds where the John Charlton story starts.

John was born in Leeds on January 30, 1959. By the time he was five years old he was like any other youngster and wanted to go to work with his dad.

But for John, dad's "work" happened to be the legendary Elland Road and his father's work-mates some of the most famous footballers in Britain; Players like Billy Bremner, Johnny Giles, Norman Hunter and Paul Madeley.

John and Giles' son Michael, were the only two older kids among the Leeds "family" and the whole team made the youngsters their own.

They attended training sessions, virtually had a free reign through the stadium and rarely missed a home game.

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Coach Brian Garvey (right) with Heidelberg. From left, standing: Patterson, Yankos, Macle, Gabrielson, Amanatidis, Selemidis. Front: Kyrou (official), Salvo, Krajacic, Matas

Most students of the English FA Cup would list Colchester United's victory over Leeds United in 1971 among the greatest giantkilling acts in the competition's history.

Colchester at the time languished in Division Four, while Leeds was acknowledged as one of the temporary masters of the game — a powerful, all-international unit which had been tried and proved in the great arenas of Europe.

However, it was the little Essex side which triumphed 3-2.

An individual who has good reason to remember the event is new Heidelberg-Allexander coach Brian Garvey, who played with great distinction in the heart of the underdog's defence that afternoon, blunting the skills of Allan Clarke and Mick Jones.

Yet, only six months earlier the senior playing career of Garvey appeared to be over as

## GIANTKILLER

he had, at 32 years of age, been placed at Watford's free transfer list.

Wily Colchester manager Dick Graham realised that he still had some good soccer left though and secured his services.

A couple of years ago, Graham paid the following tribute to Garvey: "His experience was invaluable to us; he always gave 100% and displayed amazing consistency."

Consistency and a whole-hearted approach were Garvey's trademarks through 14 years of English League soccer.

He signed professional forms for home town club Hull City in January, 1958, after a short apprenticeship. In his first full season, Garvey helped the "Tigers" win promotion into Division Two.

Unfortunately, they enjoyed only one season of Second Division before suffering relegation.

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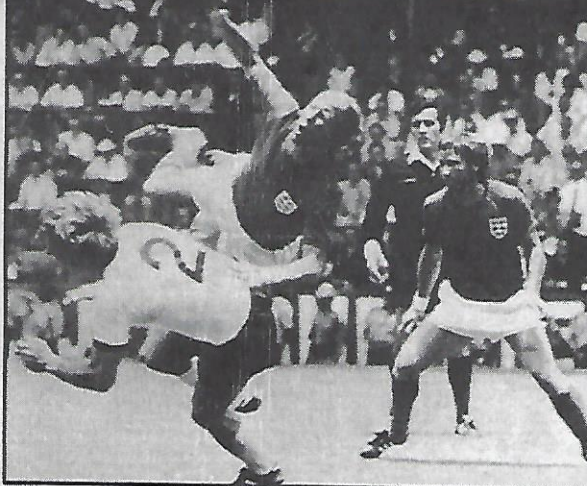
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**Bobby Charlton crashes spectacularly over Horst Hottges of West Germany during a 1970 World Cup match in Mexico, won 3-2 by the Germans. At right is Charlton's England team mate Alan Ball.**

style learned to look after himself. That style has carried over and he now possesses a crunch-like tackle which would make his father proud.

After being a star at junior school, John went to a Leeds school called John Smeaton — which was steeped in Rugby tradition.

But John got a team going and even talked his father into being coach. That possibly sparked the coaching bug which later took Jack to positions at Middlesbrough and Sheffield Wednesday.

It was while playing at Smeaton that John was asked to play for Pudsey Juniors, a famous junior side which has bred countless top players.

"All the players there were great. No-one cared who you were related to as long as you did your bit on the park. The opposition sometimes gave me verbal abuse but I never worried about it," John said.

"But then one day I went with my dad to Malta for a game and this guy there wanted to fight me, just because I was Jackie Charlton's son. I think that's when it started to put me off."

Things then began to happen fairly quickly for John. His father ended his illustrious playing career and took up the job as manager of Middlesbrough.

Then came the apprenticeship offer from Sheffield Wednesday — and the request to change his name.

John snubbed his nose at football and for two years became somewhat of a wild boy around his village, just outside Middlesbrough.

"There were several groups which were always fighting. But I seldom got picked. Even the blokes on the other side wanted to stay friends because they often asked me to get the game tickets. I guess that was pretty lucky for me because I was not much of a fighter anyway," John said.

John still has a legacy of that "wild boy" era — tattoos on his forearms. "I hid them for a long time but then dad saw them one night while I was asleep. He asked to see my arms in the morning. Eventually I showed him the tattoos. He said I was a bloody idiot," John said.

According to John, his father was not a stern disciplinarian at home, a vast contrast to his personality on the park and as a manager.

"To be honest he was not often at home. Sometimes because of match commitments in Europe he would be away for six weeks. During the World Cup we didn't see him for 12 weeks."

"We were a close family but not too close. I know the 'old fella' wanted me to play but he never pushed me. He never expressed his feelings much at home and didn't show his emotions."

"I got on well with him, but because he was away a lot I was probably closer to my grandparents, who I used to stay with a lot," John said.

As for his uncle Bobby, the brilliant midfielder who starred for England and Manchester United, John reveals he has seen him only twice in the past 14 years.

"I last saw him in 1974 when he was manager of Preston and came to play at Middlesbrough. The time before that was after the 1970 World Cup."

"It's not that there is any friction, because

dad gets on well with him. It's just they never got to see each other that much, probably because they were always involved in football," John said.

After nearly three years out of football, John was talked into playing soccer again by a friend. He turned out for a series of amateur and minor league sides including Brotton Town, Nunthorpe Athletic and Guisborough Town.

It was while playing with Guisborough that a friend suggested they should go to Australia. John already was considering a move to Durban in South Africa, where he had a mate player.

But Australia seemed attractive and John took up the offer, although Guisborough at the time was in the final 16 of the FA Vase. John, and another player named Terry Coleman, accepted positions with Caledonians in the Tasmanian State League. The pair was in Australia a week when Coleman heard Guisborough had reached the final eight of the Vase and he went home to play in the final — which Guisborough lost 2-0 to Hungerford.

John was left on his own, but determined to give it a go.

Once he started playing in Tasmania John faced the same verbal taunting he had experienced in England.

"When I didn't react they eventually stopped," John said.

After playing a season with Caledonians, which included winning a championship medal, he was approached by Rapid — which is sponsored by West Point Casino.

"I was looking for work and said I would transfer if they got me a job in the casino," John said.

John was trained as a croupier which started a new and exciting chapter in his life.

"I love the casino life. In fact I would say I am probably a better croupier than soccer player," John said.

"I wouldn't say I am a gambler to the extent where I punt on horses but I like a game of cards. I went back to England last year for a holiday and took a trip down to Monte Carlo. I won enough on the tables in one night to pay for the trip."

After winning the championship with Rapid, John transferred yet again. He moved to Juventus and completed his hat-trick of championships medals.

He was recommended to Lions when spotted by Canberra Arrows coach Doug Collins during a pre-season tour of Tasmania.

Although he started the season slowly, John has improved with each game as he develops his fitness.

"I was a bit frightening because I had never been thrown into something as serious as this before. I was here a week, then straight into the National League."

"I am not happy with the way I am going at the moment because I am not as fit as I should be. But I am determined to work as hard as I can."

"I am very happy at the club and the players are a great bunch."

As for the future, John is eagerly awaiting the completion of Queensland's new casino on the Gold Coast.

"I want to get back into the casinos," he says.

"But in the meantime if Lions can win the championship, then that will keep me just as happy," John said.

# Byrne battles pain and disappointment

By  
**PETER WINDSOR**

**A tragic, close-seasonal accident in a social match may have ended the career of one of Australia's best utility players — Canberra Arrows' Terry Byrne.**

It was Byrne for whom Preston Makedonia and Marconi reportedly would have paid \$20,000 in the off-season.

He has been transfer-listed by Canberra's new coach Doug Collins after an initial wrangle over Byrne's contract.

Then, on November 26, 1983, came an 'England versus Yugoslavia' social match and the tackle which, in Byrne's own words, "had my body going one way — my knee the other."

It left him with both his cruciate and medial ligaments shattered.

Initially, the extent of the damage was not known — and it was during this time that Marconi coach Les Scheinflug rang to express interest, with Preston said to have been prepared to put up the money immediately.

But once the extent of the damage was known Byrne had to undergo extensive surgery at Canberra's Royal Canberra Hospital.

"They virtually reconstructed my knee," Byrne said.

"Believe me, the injury is bloody painful. After the operation I had the knee in plaster for some six weeks but I was able to get around on crutches."

But don't think Terry Byrne, at 25, has given up hope of playing.

The determination that saw him play perhaps more games than any other current NSL player (he doesn't know how many but estimates it's between 150 and 160) still shines.

But the extent of the inner



**Canberra sweeper Terry Byrne slides in and wins the ball from South Melbourne Hellas striker Charlie Egan.**

hurt was apparent when he watched Canberra's first home game. He cheered and gesticulated with the best of the fans — but his eyes told another story — the story of a man not yet happy to sit in the stands, a man who wants to be back on the park.

"At 25 it's hard to tell yourself your career is over," said Byrne. "But I have accepted that I may not play NSL soccer again."

"Play, however, I will. The only question is at what level."

Byrne reminisced over his good fortune since arriving in Australia in 1978.

He followed his best mate, Ian Heywood, to Canberra — and the former Preston North End apprentice played his first NSL game under coach Johnny Warren just before his 18th birthday.

He hardly has been out of Canberra's side for more than a week or so since.

And over the years he's played as striker (his original Canberra City position), midfielder, and sweeper.

Few realise it, but Byrne is still Canberra's leading goalscorer.

I like to think I got along well with all the coaches at Canberra — Johnny Warren, Vic Fernandez, George Murray and my old playing mate John Brown when he acted as caretaker coach for a short time."

And for which players does Byrne have the highest regard?

His answer surprised: "I'd put Sydney City's Jimmy Cant high on my list. Jimmy's not a spectacular player. He's what I call a player's player. He's always there to do his job. In my opinion he is vastly underrated."

"I'd also have former South Melbourne player Stuart Baxter on my list — and Ian Callaghan who guested with Canberra. Callaghan's ball distribution was uncanny and he was a gentleman on and off the park."

But right now Byrne rates Canberra's young 20-year-old striker Frank Farina as the best talent in Australian soccer.

"I've told him he's wasting his time here. He should try to break into the big-time in Europe before it is too late. I think he can make it. Frank is totally dedicated and has the right attitude to the game."

Pausing, but emphasising the point, Byrne said: "I'll play again."

After weeks of slow build-up work at Canberra's Woden Hospital's hydro therapy pool, Byrne has now begun much more intensive physiotherapy work.

"The weeks in plaster see your muscles decay and the swimming builds them up — now I'm working to strengthen the knee," he said.

"I still have a slight limp and acquiring the natural movement and flexibility of old is the toughest part of all."

"But I'm working on it — every day."

One likes to think he'll succeed.



**Frank Farina — he should go overseas**

## Sandy boon for Demons

**With 114 first team games with Northampton Town to his credit, Adams Sandy probably will be a more than useful acquisition for Blacktown City.**

Sandy signed professional forms for Northampton in February, 1980, having previously been with minor club Wolverton Town, but actually had made his Division Four debut two months earlier as substitute at Wigan Athletic.

For the next two and half seasons, he was a workmanlike performer in the Cobblers' midfield.

During the 1982-83 season though, first team appearances were sporadic, as he obviously did not fit in with the plans of new manager Clive Walker.

This was confirmed when placed on the free transfer list at the campaign's end.

Peterborough-born Sandy, 25, came to Sydney with his wife who is involved in a teacher exchange scheme, so he is unlikely to be a permanent feature of the Australian soccer scene.

However, during Blacktown's vital return season in the expanded NSL, his contributions could be vital as the Demons strive to consolidate their status.

— PAUL MOON

# Hakoah wants name and democracy

**Just when you thought it was all over, the battle within Hakoah Soccer Club in Sydney is about to be resumed, with the lines firmly drawn for the annual general meeting on March 26.**

Members have moved two motions, one calling for the immediate official resumption of the Hakoah name tag for the 'Sydney City' soccer team in the NSL, the other for the election of a broadly-based committee to replace the present arbitrary appointed two-man grouping, which is in charge of running the soccer operations of the club.

Hakoah president Frank Lowy has come out strongly against both suggestions in the pages of the club's monthly journal, the "Hakoah Star".

An important point that one, since members of the club are barred from expressing their views and opinions in that same journal, which, incidentally, is financed out of their membership contributions.

The same restriction obviously does not apply to Mr Lowy. His opposition to officially identifying the soccer team as Hakoah is also slightly disconcerting in view of his assertion last year at a meeting of soccer supporters that the name change of several years ago was a huge mistake.

To explain the disquiet of Hakoah supporters it may be

worthwhile to mention a few other strange decisions and actions of the junta now in charge of Hakoah soccer.

● A former coach of the club was declared persona non grata on a motion by present soccer chairman Sem Fiszman some years ago, without even the courtesy of being notified of this arbitrary decision. He is now reinstated, but only after the decision leaked out and his wife started creating a fuss.

● Fiszman last season decided to be honest and announce the real crowds at Hakoah matches, unlike his predecessors. A fair enough attitude and one I heartily applaud, except that it is now alleged that the announced crowds do not include children and other free entries. Don't the juniors count?

● The supporters' club which existed for many, many years and was a vital link between the players and fans was disbanded, bringing to an abrupt end regular post match get-togethers and social mixing. Readers can judge for themselves, in the light of this, how fair dinkum Frank Lowy's heart-felt pleas are when he im-

proves Jewish soccer fans and others to support and become involved with the team.

On yes, one more thing, members have the option of electing one, repeat, one member of the bloated board of directors now numbering around a dozen.

Some compare the running of the Hakoah club to that of the internal machinations of the Soviet Politburo.

I believe such a comparison is grossly unfair to the comrades in the Kremlin.

**All wrong**

The king is dead. Long live the king.

This age old cry of Royal England could well be adapted to Australian soccer following last week's dramatic changing of the guard in the Soccercoaching position.

Is Frank Ark the best man to



**With Peter Scott**

be in charge of our footballing fortunes during the vital couple of years ahead of us? I believe so.

Was the change from Les Scheinflug's stewardship handled properly?

The answer is an emphatic no! ASF president Arthur George is right, of course, from a strictly legal point of view, when he claims that employers have the right to sack their employees.

That statement, however, encapsulates everything that is wrong with Australian soccer in the 14th year of Sir Arthur's "reign".

Las Scheinflug was not dealt with in a manner that recognised him as a human being, but rather as a toy or tool of trade.

It is easy to criticise, but I am also willing to offer a few brief opinions on how the matter of the Soccercoaching position may have been better handled.

● I love the casino life. In fact I would say I am a better croupier than soccer player. I went to England last year for a holiday and took a trip down to Monte Carlo. I won enough on the tables in one night to pay for the trip."

John's greatest memories were when he won the championship win at the 1969, after securing the title at a much earlier. Billy Bremner went to get John and include him in the club.

Let Michael and I into the dressing room. Wembley after the '72 FA Cup triumphous," John said.

Close to the football scene off on young John and he began at school at an early age. By 10 years old he was playing soccer — for his school, his local side club.

Being a tough defender in the as his World Cup medal-winning started as a goalkeeper. He says he spent a lot of time while watching goalkeeper Gary

ways out on his own doing keeper used to go over and watch him. I keeper, then realised you've got to play in goals," John said.

Youngster, John always played groups up in school soccer and



**Spanos, Oliver, Kardamitsis, Charlie, Angelo, Vagias.**



**HARVEY**

ain, as he went about his job as half efficiently and with pur-

a small fee enabled Watford to

fordshire club's Third Division campaign of 1968-69, only to be

ay through the next season.

Harvey made only a minor contribution to the 1970 FA Cup run — substitute late in the semi-final, won 5-1.

He finally came to bow out of soccer, he had made 488 appear-

he has been player-manager of in the semi-professional South-

on the coaching staffs of Arse-

reption Wanderers and the Eng-

— PAUL MOON

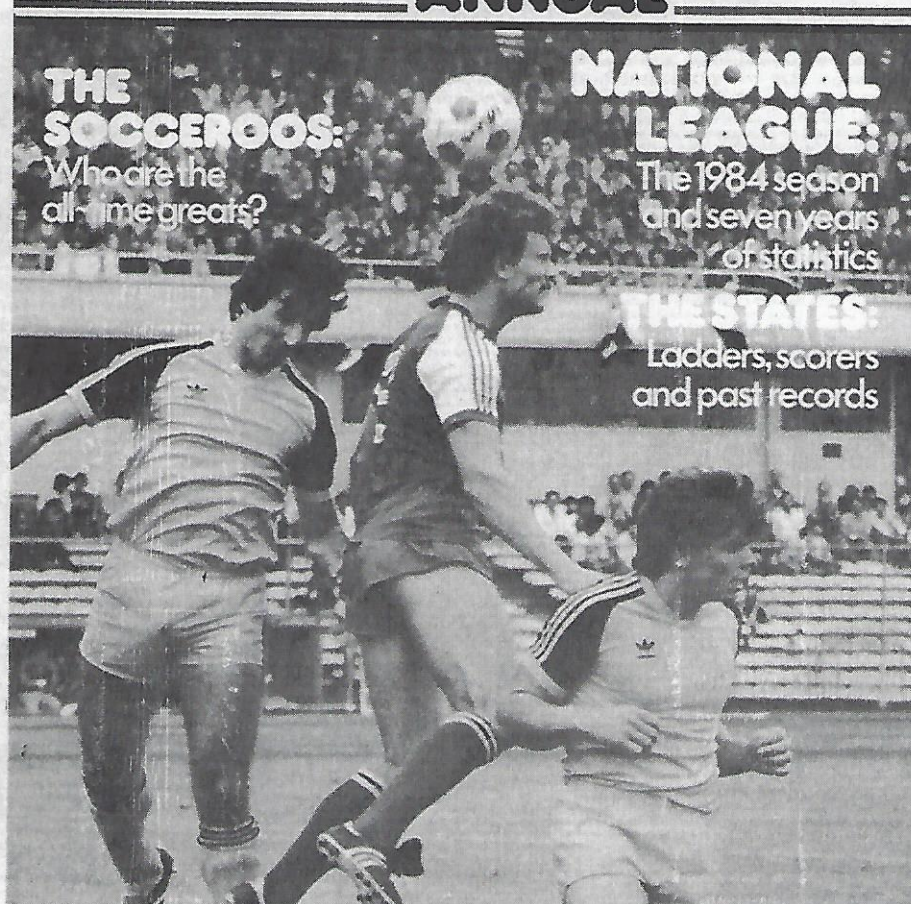


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# IT'S FAWKNER FOR THE TITLE



I have to admit to being absolutely staggered when my esteemed colleague, Craig McKenzia (the tartan terror himself) boldly plumped for Box Hill to win the State League title in last week's "Soccer Action".

I couldn't suppress a tiny giggle, then, when I saw the weekend's results... maybe the Box Hill players didn't read the preview?

By LES SHORROCK

This week's round gives us two outstanding clashes, Morwell Falcons against Frankston Pines on Saturday down in the Valley, and Fawknor v Polonia on Sunday.

Danny McMinimee's Pines got off to a good start last week, but I think Falcons will be too strong for them, even if Van Baar, Kent and Russell Atherschally are all missing.

Gus McLeod's pre-season

confidence that his team would go well was justified by the win at Doveton — not many teams will win there.

Fawknor will need that confidence this week against Johnny Gardiner's Polonia, which demolished fancied St Albans.

In a way, it's a great pity that these two meet so early in the season because they seem certain to finish in the four,

and in fact I'll go further out along the limb and predict that Fawknor will win the championship (I probably won't be doing this job again).

McLeod's big problem this week will be finding a place for brother Frank, because you'll recall that both Frank and Gary Hobson missed last week through suspension, and in Frank's absence young Fabio Angele did a mighty job.

Having assured you that Fawknor and Polonia will fill two places in the four, and

since I'm equally convinced that Falcons can't miss a place, all I have to do is decide on the other club for the final four (easy isn't it!).

After some hesitation, I'm going for Western Suburbs, led by wily Jim Condilis (well, they made a mess of Craig's Box Hill, didn't they?).

**SUNDAY**  
**FAWKNER** v Polonia at Smith Reserve, 3 pm.  
**WESTERN SUBURBS** v Doveton at Ralph Reserve, 3 pm.  
**Ringwood Wilhelmina** v BOX HILL at Jubilee Park, 3 pm.  
**WORTHCOTE** v Albion Rovers at John Cain Reserve, 3 pm.  
**CROYDON** v Broadmeadows at Croydon Park, 3 pm.

**POLONIA 4 (Przybyla 24th, penalty 42nd, Milo 37th, Mitten 75th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 0 at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.**

**POLONIA:** Lukac 7 — Ljaparski 8, Mile 9, Innes 4, A. Czapiak 6 — Przybyla 8, Mitten 7, Gibson 7, Tront 6, Gardiner 7, G. Czapiak 6 — Przybyla 8, Mitten 7.  
**ST ALBANS DINAMO:** Lacoek 6 — Kuzman 6, Nobilo 6, Brkijacic 5, Morovic 6 — Pavlovic 5, Bozic 5, Vojtek 5, Detic 3 — Bruno 5, N. Batovic 5 (inj), Istuk 32nd, 6). Coach: Billy Vojtek.  
**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award:** 3. Milo (P) 2. Ljaparski (P) 1. Przybyla (P).

**ALBION ROVERS 1 (Gilmour 67th) CROYDON CITY 0 at Selwyn Park, Saturday.**

**ALBION ROVERS:** Bryden 8 — McMorro 8, Barba 7, D'Sylva 9, Douglas 7 (inj, 75th) — Galea 7, Rilly 7, Gilmour 9 — Rodriguez 7, Bouzas 6, Reid 6 (Emin 84th). Coach: Billy McIntyre.  
**CROYDON CITY:** Kasper 7 — Rainey 6, Singleton 8, Ormond 6, Marley 5 — Brown 7, Brewerton 8, Griffith 7 (inj), Sals 75th — French 7, I. Loughnane 6, Killey 5. Coach: Colin Hasler.  
**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award:** 3. Gilmour (AR) 2. Marley (C) 1. D'Sylva (AR).

**FRANKSTON PINES 2 (O'Halloran penalty 30th, penalty 68th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 at Monterey Boulevard, Saturday.**

**FRANKSTON PINES:** Stutchbury 7 — Wilson 6, Thurlow 7, Cumming 5, Beech 6 — O'Halloran 5, Cooke 6, Miller 4 (Bruce 42nd, 7). McGinnis 5, Dick 6, Livingston 6, Coghlan 6, Denny McMinimee.  
**RINGWOOD WILHELMINA:** Lee 7 — G. Haupt 7, Corke 6, Meyer 8, Verniers 7 — Kevin Adams 6 (M. Haupt 60th), Warszewski 5, Burton 7, Wells 6 — Bakker 6, Stewart 6, Coach: Rudi van Altena.  
**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award:** 3. Meyer (RW) 2. Knox (FP) 1. Stutchbury (FP).

**KNOX CITY 1 (Gerrish 25th) NORTHCOTE 0 at Egan Lee Reserve, Saturday.**

**KNOX CITY:** McTurk 7 — Russell 8, Bissinger 7, Tunstall 7, Dixon 7 — Gerrish 8, Keenan 7, Murray 7, Roddis 7 — Masters 7, House 7. Coach: Eric Leslie.  
**NORTHCOTE:** Giannopoulos 6 — Wright 6, Katsakidis 8, Bozakis 7, Mihos 5 (Wilson 60th) — Micevski 6, Quigley 7, Culina 7 — Dinopoulos 6, Boarotto 7, Constantinou 5 (Toro 60th). Coach: Tony Vrzina.  
**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award:** 3. Gerrish (KC) 2. Katsakidis (N) 1. Russell (KC).

**DOVETON OF FAWKNER 1 (Giacomi 20th) at Waratah Reserve, Sunday.**

**DOVETON:** Radov 6 — Watson 7, Gadsby 7, Buchanan 6, Fitzpatrick 7 — Nelson 7, Edmondson 6 (McDonald 70th), Greg McLeod 7, M. Lennon 6 (Miller 80th) — Sturtin 6, Webster 8, Coach: Hammy McMeachan.  
**FAWKNER:** Terzini 7 — Petrocelli 8, Fattore 7, F. Angele 9, Giacomi 7 — Palinkas 7, Boyle 9, G. Bannan 7 — Tuffield 7, Cozzella 6, Garvey 6 (inj, Lia 70th). Coach: Gus Macleod.  
**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award:** 3. F. Angele (F) 2. Boyle (F) 1. Webster (D).

**BROADMEADOWS CITY 1 (Liberto 75th) MORWELL FALCONS 2 (T. van Baar 22nd, O'Callaghan 40th) at Laura Douglas Reserve, Saturday.**

**BROADMEADOWS:** Pace 6, Smart 6, Donaldson 7, Sandra 6, Daniels 6, Vizzini 6, Watson 5 (Pocock 50th, 5), Stokios 6, Penzo 6, Liberto 7, Vaccaro 6, Coach: Dave O'Connor.  
**MORWELL FALCONS:** Whiteside 6, Clarke 8, Higham 7, Bruns 7, Train 6, Moore 7, McLean 8, Bingham 7, T. van Baar 6 (J. van Baar 50th, Coach 75th), O'Callaghan 8, McGuinness 6, Coach: Jimmy Dunne.  
**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award:** 3. Clarke (MF) 2. McLean (MF) 1. O'Callaghan (MF).

**BOX HILL 0 WESTERN SUBURBS 4 (Lazopoulos 5th, 88th, Stenson 9th, Filippis 28th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.**

**BOX HILL:** McKinlay 5 — Hughes 5, Hennessy 4, I. Roodhouse 5, A. Roodhouse 4 — Azzopardi 5, Tolmie 6 (Lawler 69th), McDonald 4 — Smith 7, Verechia 5, Priestley 5 (White H.T. 5). Coach: Bill Murray.  
**WESTERN SUBURBS:** Tachiris 7 — Borg 6, Hammill 7, Dimovski 7, Lekkas 6 — Coyle 8, Stenson 8, Mussel 8 — Filippis 7 (Papachristodoulou 63rd), Kakaniou 8, Lazopoulos 6, Coach: Jimmy Condilis.  
**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award:** 3. Lazopoulos (WS) 2. Stenson (WS) 1. Mussel (WS).

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## MLA at Ringwood

Kay Setches, MLA for the seat of Ringwood in the Victorian parliament, will kick-off Wilhelmina's first State League home game at Jubilee Park this Sunday against Box Hill.

This is Wilhelmina's 24th State League season, one more than Polonia.

"As the senior State League club, we felt we had to do things right and get our local member to start things off for us," said Wilhelmina publicity officer Alan Clark.

Kay Setches will be introduced to players from both teams before the game.

Some exciting events will take place at Jubilee Park this year, including a triangular competition between the three eastern suburbs clubs in State League — Wilhelmina, Croydon and Knox. Special promotional activities are planned to entertain the crowd at half-time during every home game in 1984.

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# SUBURBS SUPERB!

Box Hill 0 W. Suburbs 4

By MIKE HARVEY

**Scorers:** Lazopoulos 5th, 88th, Stenson 9th, Filippis 28th.

**Venue:** Wembley Park.

Playing superb, one-touch football, this talented, young Western Suburbs side tore the home team to shreds, in what must be regarded as the surprise result of the first round.

With Coyle, Mussel and Stenson taking a firm grip in midfield, the visitors blazed forward with a series of long diagonal balls to flying wingers, Lazopoulos and Filippis.

But it was from a ball through the middle by Kakaniou in the 4th minute that Lazopoulos opened the scoring, crashing a great left footed drive past McKinlay with the Box Hill defence spread-eagled.

Only four minutes later, Stenson made it two. Filippis shook off Hughes on the left

flank, and his centre found Coyle on the far post, who nudged it back into the danger area. There followed an incredible series of shots which were blocked or half cleared, only to fall eventually into the path of Stenson who flicked it into the net from close range.

Box Hill surged forward but was unable to find the target. Priestley and Smith both shot wide, then the latter missed an easy chance, rising high at the far post to meet a Tolmie cross, only to see the ball sail over the bar with the goal at his mercy.

In the 28th minute the visitors struck again. This time it was Filippis, who had given Alan Roodhouse a nightmarish first half, who finished the move. Fastening onto yet another diagonal ball played over a very square back four, the powerfully built winger rounded the hapless Roodhouse and hammered a glorious left foot drive into the

bottom right hand corner of the goal.

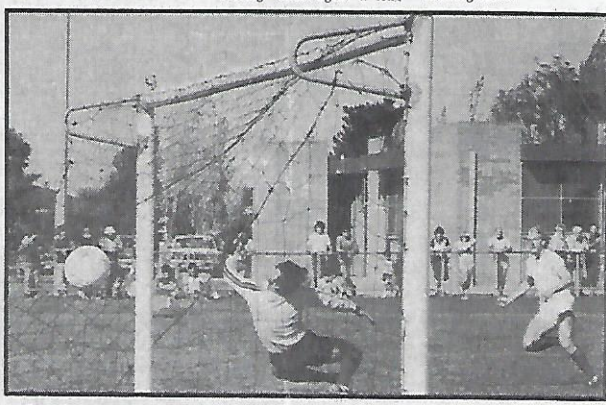
The Hillmen tried desperately to get back into the game in the second half, but could not turn their territorial advantage into anything more tangible, as Western Suburbs were content to defend in depth, relaying on fast breaks out of defence as their main

means of attack. Even so, they contrived to look more dangerous as their quick thinking midfielders opened huge gaps in what was by now a very tory Box Hill defence, and McKinlay twice was forced to go down at the feet of marauding forwards in order to clear his lines.

It came as no surprise therefore when, in the 88th minute, Lazopoulos completed the scoring. Once again a lone

clearance eluded the Box Hill defence, and the flying winger who had been a constant menace throughout the game, placed the ball neatly past a despairing McKinlay from 15 metres.

On this form, Western Suburbs must be regarded as real contenders to win this competition, but for Bill Murray's Hillmen it's back to the drawing board.



Broadmeadows goalkeeper Dennis Pace is helpless to stop Tony van Baar (right) from opening Morwell's scoring at Laura Douglas Reserve on Saturday. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

# Cocky Falcons

Broadmeadows 1 Morwell F. 2

By LES SHORROCK

**Scorers:** T. van Baar 22nd, O'Callaghan 40th (MF); Liberto 75th (B).

**Venue:** Laura Douglas Reserve.

Morwell Falcons won this game far more convincingly than the score suggests, but due to a combination of cockiness, slack finishing and a couple of refereeing blunders, almost threw away a point.

Playing against the breeze in the first half, Falcons were always in command and it was no surprise when Tony van Baar scored a screamer in the 20th minute after a free-kick quickly taken by Jim McLean.

John O'Callaghan, the best of the Falcons' front runners, chested down a pass and shot almost in the same movement, giving Dennis Pace, the Broadie goal no chance in the 40th minute and as Falcons strolled nonchalantly off the park for the half-time break we onlookers were thinking in terms of a final score around 5-0.

Of course it was a hot day, and the pitch was hard and bumpy, but suddenly it was a different game, with some of Falcons' heavyweights looking a bit slow, passes going astray, and a steady accompaniment of frenzied advice from the Falcons bench.

Five minutes into the half one of Falcons' wheels came off as Tony van Baar, who had always menaced on the right, was carried off with a knee injury and was replaced by his brother Jack.

Falcons' indifferent spell ended when an opportunistic goal by Renato Liberto brought them down to earth, and two minutes later Steve Moore forgot his running altercation with Jimmy Dunne and made a sure run that ended with his hitting the foot of the post.

After that, Pace was like a cat on hot bricks as the Morwell forwards bore down on him. O'Callaghan cleverly back-heeled the ball into the net in a crowded goalmouth, but his joy was short-lived as referee Apostolou disallowed the effort for offside although the well-placed linesman didn't flag.

Then Apostolou pulled up McGuinness in front of an open goal despite the fact that he had been played inside by a defender.

Pace made several good stops in the closing minutes to keep the score respectable, but all in all, Broadmeadows was disappointing.

Recent signing Dragan Vasic was missing, after a dispute over being disciplined, but it is doubtful he would have made any headway against the

very promising youngster, Emil Bruns who kept the Broadie forwards at bay with aplomb.

## To the editor

Sir,

In reply to the article in your paper regarding the resignation of coach Billy Miller from Prahran Celtic Soccer Club, let me say that as President of the Glasgow Celtic Supporters Club and a supporter of the move to Prahran from Kew, I find Mr Miller's statements nothing less than insulting!

Billy Miller was appointed coach at Kew but decided to relinquish that position when he learned of the proposed move to Prahran. He then took over the position of coach at Prahran. Knowing well the club had just been saved from going defunct through the generosity of Mr Jim Douglas, proprietor of the Windscar Castle Hotel.

A committee was formed, and still is in the process of securing sponsorship, new membership and a playing staff capable of winning the league.

To secure the services of the players Billy wanted, would have meant taking out a substantial bank loan.

Then there was the problem of meeting these players' wage demands. The club's financial position was explained to the players concerned, some left, some stayed but we have been thanked for our honest approach to the matter when there was obvious financial risk for both parties.

As far as being a social club is concerned, I don't know what Billy's interpretation of this is, but I do know that not many clubs in Australia would survive without social activities and while we are talking of socialising, our former coach was no slouch in that department.

I am, to say the least, most disappointed in his statements, as are the committee and players at the club, but in concluding, would say the spirit at the club never has been higher and if the performance of the boys in friendly games and the Como Cup is anything to judge by, we'll have a successful season.

## Results...

**STATE LEAGUE RESERVES**

Albion Rovers 1 Croydon City 1, Broadmeadows 1 Morwell Falcons 2, Frankston Pines 2 Ringwood City 1, Knox City 0 Northcote City 3, Box Hill 8 Western Suburbs 1, Doveton 2 Fawknor 2, Polonia 0 St Albans 1.

**METROPOLITAN LEAGUE**

**DIVISION ONE**  
 Altona Gate 0 Springvale City 2, Reserves 5-1, Doncaster 1, Nunawading City 3, 1-2, Nth Dandenong 1, Sunbury 2, 1-1, Kew Pk Rangers 1, Moreland 2, 2-2, Altona City 2, Bell Park 0, 1-1, Melbourne 1, Richmond 0, 7-0, Thomastown 0 Werrabe 0, 0-0.

**DIVISION TWO**  
 Dandenong City 2 Nth Geelong 1, 2-0, Caulfield City 1 Sandringham 0, 2-2, Etihad 1 Waverley City 4, 0-2, Coburg 1 Ringwood City 1, 2-4, Heidelberg 1 Sandringham 1, 2-0, Kellor 4, Prahran 0, 1-4, Mornington 1 5th Melb Mercury 0, 0-0.

**DIVISION THREE**  
 Prahran City 0 Hamlyn Rangers 2, 0-0, Royal Richmond 2 Mooroolbark 1, 0-5, Ardeer 0 Moorabbin City 2, 1-1, Brighton 1 Karingal 3, 1-2, Bulleen 1 Essendon City 2, 3-2, Corio 3 Port Melbourne 2, 2-3, Geelong 1 Yallourn 1, 0-5.

**DIVISION FOUR**  
 East Brunswick 2 Holland Park 2, 2-0, Border 0 Yarraville 2, 2-2, Clifton Hill 0 Springvale City 2, 2-3, Rosebud 0

sanna 1, 0-4, Keyborough 3 Langwarrin 2, 2-0, Ferntree Gully 3 Lalor United 1, 3-0.

**PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**  
 Clarinda 3 Shepparton City 1, 0-0, Chelsea 4 Monash Uni 1, 2-7, Clayton 0 Carlton 0, 2-3, Hawthorn 1 Melton 0, 2-0, Ballerina City 2, Central City 3, 0-0, West Brunswick 3, 2-2, Geelong 2, 2-2, Malvern 2 Bononia 3, 2-2.

**DIVISION TWO**  
 Abbotsford 3 Nunawading City 0, 2-2, Berwick City 1 5th Yarra 1, 3-2, Cheltenham 0 St Dandenong 1, 0-1, Cranbourne 2 Regent 1, 0-1, Fitzroy City 2, Altona United 2, 2-2, Geelong 2, 2-2, Pascoe Vale 0, 3-1, Kyneton 1 Uni of Melb 1, 3-6.

**DIVISION THREE**  
 Mossfield 1 Dallas City 0, 0-3, Dinglad 6 West Melbourne 3, 6-0, Clarendon 1 Seaford 1, 4-3, 2, Diamond Valley 3 Hampton Wards 2, 0-1, Lyndale 1 1 Burwood United 3, 1-2, Nth Sunshine 4 Brunswick City 3, 1-3, Mitcham 0 Port United 1, 4-0.

**DIVISION FOUR**  
 Batman United 0 Ascot Vale City 3, 2-3, Westall 3 Parkmore 3, 4-1, East Carlton 2 Richmond 4, 1-5, St Kilda 1 5th Parkmore 0, 2-2.

**YOUTH LEAGUE**  
 Preston 0 Heidelberg 1, 5th Melbourne 3 Footscray 0, Melb Croatia 3, Frankston Pines 2, 2-2, Clifton Hill 0 Nura City 1, Knox City 1 8 U Juventus

## SELECTIONS

**METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE**  
 Saturday: SULLY v ALTONA CITY v Moreland v THOMASTOWN, New Park Rangers v Nunawading City (draw), Richmond v DONCASTER ROVERS, BALL PARK v Altona Gate, Springvale City v MELBOURNE.

**DIVISION TWO**  
 Saturday: WERRIBE v NORTH DANDENONG.

**DIVISION THREE**  
 Saturday: MORNINGTON v Prahran, Slavia SOUTH OARLEIGH v Kellor, Altona: Ringwood United v Heidelberg, Bononia (draw), WATERS, ET CITY v Colong, SANDRINGHAM City v Etihad, SOUTH MELBOURNE MOROOLBARK v Deedem City, North Geelong v CAULFIELD CITY.

**DIVISION FOUR**  
 Saturday: ESSENDON CITY v Corio, Geelong v BULLEN, KARINGAL UNITED v Yallam, MOROOLBARK City v Brighton, MOROOLBARK v Ardeer, Port Melbourne v, PRAHRAN City, Hamlyn Rangers v Royal Richmond (draw).

**DIVISION FIVE**  
 Saturday: Langwarrin v Ferntree Gully, RIDGEMOUNT v Keyborough, ROSEBUD v Hawthorn, SPRINGVALE United v Glenowrie, Yarraville v CLIFTON HILL, Lalor United v EAST BUNSWICK, HOLLAND PARK v Border United.

**DIVISION SIX**  
 Saturday: Langwarrin v Ferntree Gully, RIDGEMOUNT v Keyborough, ROSEBUD v Hawthorn, SPRINGVALE United v Glenowrie, Yarraville v CLIFTON HILL, Lalor United v EAST BUNSWICK, HOLLAND PARK v Border United.

**DIVISION SEVEN**  
 Saturday: Langwarrin v Ferntree Gully, RIDGEMOUNT v Keyborough, ROSEBUD v Hawthorn, SPRINGVALE United v Glenowrie, Yarraville v CLIFTON HILL, Lalor United v EAST BUNSWICK, HOLLAND PARK v Border United.

**DIVISION EIGHT**  
 Saturday: Langwarrin v Ferntree Gully, RIDGEMOUNT v Keyborough, ROSEBUD v Hawthorn, SPRINGVALE United v Glenowrie, Yarraville v CLIFTON HILL, Lalor United v EAST BUNSWICK, HOLLAND PARK v Border United.

**DIVISION NINE**  
 Saturday: Langwarrin v Ferntree Gully, RIDGEMOUNT v Keyborough, ROSEBUD v Hawthorn, SPRINGVALE United v Glenowrie, Yarraville v CLIFTON HILL, Lalor United v EAST BUNSWICK, HOLLAND PARK v Border United.

Melton v MALVERN CITY, Carlton v HAWKSBURN, Monash University v CLAYTON, Hawksburn City v Chelsea (draw), WEST GEELONG v Ballarat, BORONIA v CLARENDON.

**DIVISION TWO**  
 Saturday: PASCOE VALE v Kyneton, Altona United v GEELONG United, REGENT v Fitzroy City, South Dandenong v, DONCASTER ROVERS, South Yarra v, SHELTERMAN, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE v Altona Gate, Nunawading United v, Berwick City (draw).

**DIVISION THREE**  
 Saturday: BRUNSWICK CITY v Mitcham, Burwood United v, NORTH SUNSHINE, DIAMOND VALLEY v, United, SEAFORD v Hampton Wards, West Melbourne v CLARENDON, MOYONG RANGERS, Port United v, Mooroolbark (draw), DALLAS CITY v Dinglad.

**DIVISION FOUR**  
 Saturday: RICHMOND United v, Epping Thistle, MONMOUTH v East Carlton, SOUTH PARK MORE v, Garmen United, Ascot Vale City v WESTALL.

**YOUTH LEAGUE**  
 Saturday: GEORGE CITY v BRUNSWICK JUVENILE, MELBOURNE CROATIA v, Sunshine Green Cross FOOTSCRAY v, Morwell Falcons, HEDELBERG UNITED v, East Gey, STANSTONTH, Pines, Prahran Melbourne, Polonia v, SOUTH MEL



# Rummenigge to get \$7500 a game in Italy

From ROB HUGHES

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge will get \$7,500 for every match he plays for the next three years with Inter Milan.

Rummenigge finally decided last week to take his final challenge in northern Italy.

The talk was of a \$2.6 million fee being paid by Inter Milan to Rummenigge's club, Bayern Munich.

His own pay is in addition to his endorsement contracts. They include \$116,000 a year from Adidas and \$97,000 from an insurance company.

But Fiorentina asserted it had a prior claim. Bayern says it knows nothing about it involving a \$2.9 million fee. \$450,000 annually for three years to Rummenigge and \$300,000 more from a sponsor.

Rummenigge explains he is moving because the fee will help Bayern Munich to build a new team (around his brother, Michael, who is pressing for the same goal-scoring role).

His wife was said to favor Florence, where the deal involved the obligatory luxury villa, personal bodyguards and domestic servants.

OH yes... and the taxes in West Germany are punitive, as any man with the training of a bank clerk will know.

Rummenigge had such training in his rosy-cheeked teens.



## SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

# Ball burst three times but Charlton survives

If last ditch attempts to save Charlton Athletic from oblivion had failed, the death of this famous club would have been unique in the annals of the English Football League.

For, unlike the unlucky 13 that pre-deceased them, from Aberdeen to Workington, the Haddicks haven't failed on the field, but in their book-keeping, more a case of being stabbed by the accountant's quill than of being booted out, as it were.

Indeed, the irony of the situation is that the popular South London club was on the rise again. Last year's average attendance of 7193 gave it an overall rise of 11,434 for the season, a highly respectable performance in days of falling attendances, and was sitting in eighth place on the Second Division ladder.

Charlton, one of the later arrivals in league football, turned professional in 1920, having been founded in 1905 as first East Street Mission and then becoming Charlton Reds, and gained admission to the Third Division South in 1921.

Its ground at the Valley, a natural amphitheatre, is easily the largest in London, and before the days of crowd restrictions and safety measures, easily held 75,000, in fact 75,031 watched Charlton's Fifth Round F.A. Cup tie there against Aston Villa in 1938.

Charlton's history is bound up with the F.A. Cup. In its second year it caused a sensation when it eliminated Manchester City, Preston and West Bromwich Albion before going down to eventual winner Bolton Wanderers in the Fourth Round.

And, of course, the pinnacle of the club's achievements came in 1947 when it carried off the Cup, beating Burnley 1-0 after losing one of the great finals the year before to the star-studded Derby County side that included such greats as Vic Woodley, Raich Carter, Peter Docherty, Jackie Stamps and Dally Duncan.

Charlton lost the '46 Final in extra time after its luckless wing-half Bert Turner had scored for both sides, the first time to down the gallant Reds, but Charlton's ebullient manager, Jimmy Seed, consoled his players



Les Shorrock

## SAVED!

Ailing British club Charlton Athletic was hauled back from the brink of extinction by an eleventh-hour agreement in the High Court.

Mr. Justice Mervyn Davies, approving an eagerly anticipated rescue plan, agreed to order the Official Receiver, in charge of the Second Division club under a winding-up order, to sell the club's assets to a consortium which will resurrect it as "Charlton 1984".

The order was made 25 minutes before the 5 pm deadline set by the Football League.

Afterwards lawyers for the Receiver and the Sunley property group, which heads the consortium, rushed by taxi to the League's London headquarters in Cannon Street to thrash out final details.

The agreement, under which the consortium guarantees to pay off most of the club's debts — at one stage estimated at over one million stg. (\$1.57 million) — was so hastily concluded that lawyers had not read all the details even as they came into court.

The consortium will buy the club's registration for a nominal 100 stg. (\$157) and its players at a value to be assessed (\$350,000 stg. or \$495,000 Aust., according to an estimate given at an earlier court hearing).

afterwards by telling them they would be back next year, and they were.

In '47 Charlton beat Burnley in an instantly forgettable final enlivened only in the memory's eye by the sight of the only goalscorer of the game, Chris Duffy, running exultantly over the whole length of the pitch before being caught by his joyous team-mates. In those days of long shorts, short haircuts and gold necklaces worn only by women, it was the first display of exhibitionism later raised to a fine art by Charlie George.

Charlton's history includes one very odd item. The ball burst for the very first time in a Cup final during the Charlton v. Derby County '46 Final.

The two teams met again in a postponed League match five days after the Final, and lo and behold, the ball burst again.

Then, as if to strain credulity to the very limit, the ball burst again in the '47 Final between Charlton and Burnley, and it never has happened since.

No account of Charlton's history would be complete without a mention of two of the game's outstanding characters, Jimmy Seed and Sam Bartram, both of them Georgies, oddly enough.

Seed's story, both as a

Final he not only made the pass that set up Jimmy Dimmock but he also played his first game for England. In 1927, aged 32, he was transferred to Sheffield Wednesday and in three seasons helped Wednesday to two consecutive league championships before retiring to manage Clapton Orient.

In 1933 he arrived at the Valley to take over the newly relegated Charlton Athletic. Such was his drive that he lifted the club from the Third Division South to the First Division in three seasons, and indeed Charlton almost won the First Division championship at its first attempt, finishing second to Manchester City in '36-'37, and in the next three seasons up to the outbreak of the War, Charlton never was out of the top four.

Red-headed Bartram was one of the game's great characters, as well as probably the best goalkeeper never to be capped for England, standing as he did in the shadow of men like Vic Woodley, Harry Holdcroft, Harry Hibbs, Ted Sagar and Frank Swift.

Many other famous players have worn the red shirt, remarkably enough, several South Africans, such as the graceful John Hewis, capped for Scotland, Sud O'Linn, Stuart Leary and the famous Eddie Firmani, who was capped for Italy and then came back to manage Charlton for a spell.

Ted Croker has happy memories of the Valley too. He played right back in the Cup winning side of '47, and now is the secretary of the Football Association.

## Gutendorf steps in

Ex-Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf officially assumed the position of chief coach to Yomiuri F.C. in January and will be trying to help his new club retain the championship of the Japan Soccer League.

But Gutendorf can take little credit for Yomiuri's success at the end of last season, for he was then employed in only a advisory capacity.

Realising that West German coaches are held in high regard by the Japanese soccer hierarchy, Yomiuri apparently has decided to engage one in the hope he will wield sufficient influence to bring professionalism to fruition.

Yomiuri's first choice was the man primarily responsible for this esteem — Dettmar Cramer, coach of the Japanese national team which won the bronze medal at the 1968 Olympics, before returning home to achieve European Champions' Cup success with Bayern Munich.

Cramer however preferred to remain at Bayer Leverkusen, but recommended Gutendorf to the Tokyo club.

PAUL MOON

## In Brief Beckenbauer, Zoff to be honored

By PAUL MOON

Despite having its plans for a jubilee tournament in June quashed by FIFA, Brazil nevertheless will play friendly fixtures against three of the proposed entrants during the month.

The Brazilians meet England on June 10, Uruguay on June 13 and Argentina on June 16.

• FIFA will pay homage to six soccer personalities during its 80th anniversary celebrations in Zurich this May. To be honored are former FIFA president Sir Stanley Rouse; Helmut Schoen, coach of West Germany's World Cup winning side of 1974 and four of the game's indisputably great players — Pele, Bobby Charlton, Franz Beckenbauer and Dino Zoff.

• Steve Foster, the headbanded central defender of Brighton and then picked for England, has joined Aston Villa for \$400,000.

• Alan Durban, regarded by many as one of Britain's most promising young managers, has been dismissed by Sunderland, after three years with the club. Newly appointed Sunderland manager Len Ashurst is a familiar figure with the club's older supporters, having made 409 league appearances for the Wearsideers between 1958 and 1970. His managerial experience includes periods with Hartlepool United, Gillingham, Sheffield Wednesday, Newport County and, latterly, Cardiff City.

• John Toshack's second stint as manager of Swansea City lasted just ten weeks. His sacking came five months after the original resignation.

• Following allegations that Standard Liege had made illegal payments to fix the result of a vital game two years ago, the books of other prominent Belgian clubs have been scrutinized. Bevers, Gent, Anderlecht, Waterschei and Royal Antwerp are among those under investigation. Already six officials of Gent have been interrogated by police.

• AC Milan has annulled the contract of Eric Gerets, who is implicated in the bribery scandal involving his former club, Standard Liege. Milan directors voted unanimously to dismiss the Belgian.

• Bobby Thompson of Scottish club Hibernian has been suspended for six months, following the 18th sending off in a stormy career.

• Former Brazilian international Francisco Marinho claims to have kicked his drug problem and is looking for a club in Europe. Currently he plays for Bangu in Rio.

• Everton's win at Notts County will enable it to appear in their 19th FA Cup semi-final, equalling the record of West Bromwich Albion.

## Schools scheme to start in Canberra

By PETER WINDSOR

Canberra Arrows' laudible James Hardie-backed primary schools coaching scheme and its Coca-Cola-backed high school coaches seminars will begin within the next fortnight.

These were two of the close-season sponsorship packages — which in total ran to 2,500 — put together by Canberra's publicity director, Johnny Warren.

The James Hardie primary schools session begin on March 25. "Players and I intend to visit each and every one of Canberra's 67 primary schools," Warren said.

"Each season will last for 14 hours and we aim to leave teaching staff with the capacity to understand half-a-dozen skill-oriented fun games."

The Coca-Cola sponsored high school seminars now have the full backing of ACT Schools Authority staffers Peter Weddell and Helen Wilner.

Initial seminars, conducted by ACT coaching director, Les Bee, and Arrows' coach Doug Collins will be held on May 1 and 3.

There will also be a series of visits to Canberra's high schools and colleges.

"We are printing 20,000 copies of the 1984 soccer draw," said Warren. "We'll give copies to every primary school and every high school we visit."

## Lions to bid for Parker

By RICKY ROSSO

After the success of signing sweeper John Charlton from Tasmanian State League club Juventus, Brisbane Lions are set to make another for Ray South.

The club wants to trial Caledonian striker Ian Parker, who was recommended by Charlton.

Parker scored 18 goals in the Caddbury League last season and finished joint leading scorer. He was also runner-up in the Tasmanian Rothman's Medal.

Lions coach Harry Noon said this week he was not unhappy with the forwards he had at Richlands but felt he needed more depth.

"If we get one or two injuries we would be in real trouble at the moment. We must have plenty of depth in every position to be a chance this season," Noon said.

Noon, who so far has made



Ian Parker

four signings since coming to Lions from Kur-ring-gal said he intended to sign up to four more players, but probably not for a few more months yet.

"Everyone is priced too high at the moment. The players we can afford just now are no better than the ones we have. But I think if we can wait a month or two, things will settle down and there could be a few 'cheapes' around the place," he said.

## Vincent, Beves for sale

Former Heidelberg midfielder Robbie Vincent has been placed on the transfer list in the first client-out at Richlands by new Lions coach Harry Noon.

Noon has also put former St George goalkeeper Brett Beves on the list.

Vincent, who was brought to Lions mid-way through last season by then coach Simon Kistemaker, has been priced at \$2500 locally and \$5000 interstate.

Noon's decision to put Vincent on the list came as a shock to the midfielder who was a regular in the Lions side last season — when not injured.

He suffered a series of injuries later in the year, including hamstring, back and toe problems.

Kistemaker had high hopes for the Englishman and used Vincent in several key roles, including stopper and sweeper late in the season.

## Soccer for Sports House

The ACT Soccer Federation is expected to agree — even if only on a trial basis — to take space in Canberra's new Sports House this year.

Sports House has been set aside by the Federal Government at Hackett Primary School.

Many other sports will also take office space — and share a common secretarial service.

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# Too many faults in national coaching scheme

**Tony Franken**  
**Keeper of goals, wickets**

Canberra reckons it's former World Youth Cup 'keeper Tony Franken is the most talented 'keeper in Australia.

Few fans, however, realise that Franken, now 20, gave away a promising cricket career to concentrate on soccer.

Before deciding to come to Canberra and the Australian Institute of Sport under Jimmy Shouler, Franken was the Western Australian wicketkeeper from Under-14 to Under-16.

Had he stayed with cricket, rumor has it that he would have been groomed as the successor to wicketkeeper Rod Marsh.

PETER WINDSOR



By KEN KONTRA

Developmental coaching is perhaps one of the truly 'grey' areas of soccer. No doubt, the soccer public at large knows little about it, and probably is not particularly interested either.

After all, it is the end product that grabs the imagination, and developmental coaches normally are seldom seen in the arena where it all happens and are rarely associated with current events which would be of interest to soccer fans, or indeed club officials.

The work usually carried

out by developmental coaches has long-term objectives, rather than the week to week, match to match involvement of fans and officials. It follows therefore, that to judge the work of a developmental coach, one needs time and it is much harder to analyse than the efforts of a competitive coach, who has to justify his existence and re-affirm his position practically at each training session and certainly each time his team takes the field.

So, what are developmental coaching and the Australian coaching scheme all about? To put it in a nutshell, its objectives are to improve coaching standards, resulting in an improvement of playing standards at all levels.

It is all about gathering, analysing, digesting information on all aspects of the game and imparting it through whatever channels the system provides — coaching courses, seminars, clinics etc.

It should also strive to increase the channels of communications to reach the optimum number of relevant people possible, thus ensuring that in technical matters we are aiming at a common goal.

Theoretically therefore, it may take years to determine whether we are heading in the right direction or not, and it is difficult to "pin the tail on the donkey" even then.

I was quite intrigued to read Tim White's comments (Soccer Action, 7/3/84) aimed at Andrew Dettre's criticism of the coaching scheme. Tim, I think, missed the point by a mile! Firstly, trying to directly relate coaches' or players' achievements to coaching courses (regardless of what system they are held) is ridiculous!

There are many and complex issues which have an influence on a player's development. Coaching is only one of them. I firmly believe that coaching courses are very beneficial and necessary, and no doubt all candidates attending learn a lot. However, courses are not meant to create coaches. They provide guidance and help the participants to develop, but it is up to the individual to achieve his optimum potential, and if his best is not good enough, no amount of study and attending of courses will change that!

Anyway, if Tim wants to relate success to the coaching scheme, one could say that perhaps the only great achievement we can point to — qualifying for the World Cup final in 1974, was achieved prior to the introduction of the current scheme! We have had nothing but failures since.

Secondly, it takes only a few weeks of course attendance to qualify as a senior coach under our setup (provided of course, that you pass the examinations at each level), as opposed to years of study in some other countries.

If you fail, of course, then it may take "a long time and a lot of effort striving to gain the exclusive qualifications" as Tim puts it. However, repeating the same material over and over again can hardly be compared with the material which has to be absorbed in Holland or West Germany for example!

Anyway, it is a matter of opinion, how long these courses should last, and while I think that at these courses, a lot more material should be covered. The time involvement must suit our particular part-time soccer setup. In addition to concentrated off-season attendance, compulsory, say once a week, evening classes should be included in the curriculum at each level.

We cannot expect our coaches to study full time for years. After all, there are not the same employment opportunities and financial rewards, as there are in Holland, West Germany, and so on.

At any rate, I shall cover the subject of course organisation and material in a following article. The failure of the coaching scheme lies not in what it has done; rather in what it has not done!



Young Billy Andric (right) had a double thrill recently. Not only did he win our Mitre ball quiz, but he received his prize from Soccerroo star Ken Murphy (left) of SM-Hellas.



**West Adelaide Hellas and Azzurri will meet in tonight's (Wednesday) 25th Anniversary Ampol Cup Final.**

Hellas thrashed Beograd 4-0 and Azzurri shocked Adelaide City Juventus 2-1 in last week's semi-finals.

Azzurri, which beat Juventus 1-0 in last year's final, must fancy its chances of another success, particularly if it gets an early break against the youthful Hellas.

But Sam Salabasidis' team was so thorough against Beograd that it should lift the Cup.

Hellas beat Azzurri 1-0 in the Cup opener in January and is the only side to have won all of its Cup matches.

John Francis was Azzurri's hero with two goals in the 39th and 57th minutes.

His first was a header from a corner kick right on the stroke of half time, but Juventus winger Peter Rankin equalised seconds into the second half.

Instead, the coaches' federations were demolished and replaced by a new structure, which can only be described as discriminatory and a "closed shop".

In conclusion, I summarise the major faults of the scheme as I see them:

- The scheme talks of uniform coaching standards, yet failed to introduce licensing of coaches at all levels linked with compulsory course attendance.
- It favors coaches with senior coaching ambitions, yet our need is much greater at junior level.
- The scheme and those who implement it, failed to recognise the multi-racial make-up of Australian soccer and indeed, the Australian society as a whole.
- It failed to expand on the pioneering work done prior to its inception.

I trust that we have at least learned from the mistakes of the past, and the next nine years will bring benefits to all the coaching fraternity and consequently to the whole of Australian soccer, rather than a selected few!

## To the editor

SIR — I am writing in reference to Peter Scott's 'In Focus' column of 7/3/84, headed 'Minorities are a more minor concern to the old' entorces.

I would like to congratulate Mr Scott on his excellent article and support of the suppressed 'minorities'.

I would like to ask you Mr A George refers to when he says minorities.

It is well known that only a couple of teams are Australian-backed, the rest being of ethnic origin.

Most of these ethnic teams are proud to be part of this democratic country in which there is no room for dictator tactics.

Through his 14-year 'reign' Sir Arthur has been acting as though he owns the Australian Soccer Federation and everything concerned with soccer.

He has cost us excellent coaches like Rale Rasic and the latest victim, Les Schenflug, because he decides he does not like them.

He has been dictating to teams what names they should go by and many other things which can only destroy soccer in Australia.

He, like a president, should recognise and accept each 'minority' as he calls them, give them a chance and stop forcing people to change their names, tactics and ideals to suit himself.

It is a pity that such a man can manipulate the other members of the Australian Soccer Federation.

As he has been president now for 14 years, I feel it is high time he stepped down and gave another person the opportunity to be elected as president, perhaps someone with more democratic ideals and more up-to-date ideas.

Perhaps only then can soccer become a great sport in this country.

— A. TALEVSKI, Numanudion Vic

## South Australian Ampol Cup

### It's Hellas v. Azzurri

**AZZURRI 2 (Francis 2) ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 1 (Rankin).**

**ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS:** McNally 7 (Cicchianni) - Nyskohus 7, Flounders 8, Melta 7, Shilabeor 8 - Maxwell 8, Carter 8, Villani 7, DeVito 7 - Rankin 7, Mullen 7.

**AZZURRI:** Miller 8 - Milenkovic 8, Ouwerek 7. O. Michelson 8, Batchoor 7 - F. Michelson 7, Francis 8, Blair 7, Radford 7 - Bojczuk 7, Wilde 7.

**WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 8 (Konstandopoulos 3, Panagis). BEOGRAD 0.**

**HELLAS:** Sproul 7 - Hiern 8, McGachey 7, Honeymen 8, Panagis 8, Atsals 7, Brown 7, Malavazos 7, - Stametolopoulos 7, Konstandopoulos 8.

**BEOGRAD:** Gale 6 - Hood 8, Kalinovic 7, Miller 7, Harwood 8, - Toland 7, Rasmir 7, Signore 8, Arszina 7 (Nyskohus, sent off 65th), Leyland 6, Santrac 6.

But Francis struck again when reserve goalkeeper Mario Cicchianni, who had replaced the injured Willy McNally early in the second half, misjudged a lob.

West Adelaide Hellas made sure of qualification with two goals in the first seven minutes from teenagers George Konstandopoulos and John Panagis.

Konstandopoulos scored the third in the 49th minute and Panagis added the fourth five minutes from time.

It was a thoroughly clinical performance and while the immediate aim is to win the Ampol Cup, the match will boost the spirits of both supporters and players as some tough NSL matches loom.

— MENO TOUTSIDIS

## Campbell, McRobert to boost Moreland



Jim McRobert

"At last!" said Willie Campbell, newly elected president of Victorian club Moreland, "our new club rooms will be completed by the 1985 season. The Coburg Council will embark on a \$250,000 construction program this year."

Campbell explained that the Club was poorly positioned off the field because of a lack of facilities. The dressing rooms and club room buildings have been condemned for many years and now, finally, the work will start.

"Of course," said Campbell, "this will not solve the other difficulties facing the club. We still have to contend with cricket on Campbell Reserve, which means that we cannot effectively train or hold practise matches."

He explained that the Coburg 3rd eleven used the ground for cricket. This is not District or any other senior competition, but is in fact a social club.

Campbell complains of lost revenue of up to \$30,000 a year and he puts great faith in the fact that the council is beginning to realise that Moreland is the most senior club in the area and that the cost of a turf wicket for social cricket is not easy to justify.

From the point of view of the playing staff, Campbell says this will be a very trying period for Moreland.

Three players have retired (prematurely in this writer's opinion) — Peter Oakes (Sweeper), Mickey Waters (centre back) and Bernie Nadolny (striker).

There is a lot of experience going out with these players and it will be up to the young boys to carry the club through. The young players will be expected to maintain Moreland's 1st division status.

The club has a strong committee this year, which results from the amalgamation of the junior club with the seniors. "They are a very dedicated bunch," said the president, "with long-time members like Bob Murdoch still involved."

Despite the loss of Fred Pace after 12 years, Campbell is confident that this committee will be successful.

There was talk of amalgamation with Coburg, but this will not happen.

Campbell feels that Moreland, around now for 52 years, has a tradition and history to be proud of. "This Club must stand on its own," he said. "If others wish to join us, they will be made welcome, but we will keep faith with our long-term supporters and we will continue to attract new people."

The local Coburg community will be pleased to know that the club will continue to provide facilities for all kids in the area. Jimmy McRobert joined Moreland at the start of the 1983 season. Jimmy started in career on an "SS" form with Glasgow Rangers. He then played for St. Johnstone, Hamilton and finally in 1972, Jimmy came to Australia and enjoyed 13 years at Sunshine.

Half way through last season, McRobert found himself embarking upon a coaching career when Duncan McKay "disappeared". Moreland decided that because McRobert took over in difficult circumstances, he should be given the opportunity to continue for 1984. He accepted the challenge.

McRobert is aware of the retirement of three important experienced players, but believes that the young boys can do the job.

"They are good in training and in the few matches we have played, but they lack the killer touch at the moment. But don't worry, we will surprise a few division one sides this year," he said.

Billy Murray and Box Hill are typical of the success which is just around the corner for clubs and coaches if they have faith in young players."

McRobert names Daryn Pace, Sam Asvestas, Steve Chetcuti and Albert Paolini as being the up-and-coming boys.

He is also expecting a lot from the marginally more experienced players, like Mark McDonald, Stuart Monagan and Pat O'Connor.

While he does not believe in playing coaches, Jimmy has no choice at this time.

"The appointment of John Cockran as my assistant, will help," says Jimmy. "John is good with the kids and has the respect of all the players. He will be able to 'keep it going' on the ground."

McRobert refused two lucrative offers to coach State League teams. "I accepted the Moreland job because of the outstanding opportunity to be judged for reasons other than winning games. My success at Moreland will be determined by the rate of development of the junior players. This might be a little frustrating for our supporters at times, but they must bear with us. Naturally we must win games, and we will win our share of them."

Moreland's management and supporters are right behind Jimmy McRobert, and if determination, enthusiasm and application are contagious, Jimmy will be spreading them around Moreland. — TERRY CALLAGHAN

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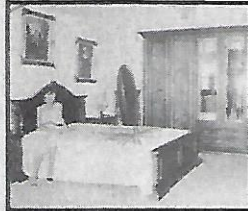
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# Tanto di cappello a Sweeney, Margaritis e Caruso

E così la Juventus è andata a Canberra a cogliere il successo pieno contro la squadra locale per piazzarsi in vetta alla classifica del girone "nazionale" della NSL.

Anche se il primato è condiviso con il South Melbourne Hellas, il verdetto della terza giornata del campionato è quanto mai positivo per una matricola della massima competizione... e molto ancora di più per una squadra come la Juventus che ha ricevuto tante critiche in questo scorcio di stagione. Uno dei critici "più convinti" è stato proprio l'autore di queste note che perciò dovrebbe fare un completo dietrofront ed offrire scuse formali ad una lunga lista di personaggi bianconeri.

Purtroppo, e non è perché ammettere di aver sbagliato è una cosa che pochi di noi siamo disposti a fare, non possiamo ancora offrire scuse incondizionate e totali: siamo solo disposti a dire che fino ad ora la Juventus è riuscita a

rimediare alla men peggio ad alcune lacune, che Margaritis sta provando di essere il grande allenatore che abbiamo sempre creduto egli fosse; che Sweeney sta migliorando di partita in partita mettendo in evidenza quel fiuto della rete che lo aveva fatto arrivare al Croydon con una buona fama; e, per finire, che il direttore tecnico Joe Caruso supplisce egregiamente con il "gran cuore" e un immenso lavoro ad una possibile mancanza di conoscenza tecnica. Per spiegarci meglio, Joe è tipo da comprare un "broco" di giocatore perché non conosce tanto bene il marcato calcistico, ma poi è capace di far giocare il "broco" come un campione con tutti gli stratagemmi di questo mondo: promesse, minacce, incoraggiamenti, fratellanza, comprensione, lavate di capo, premi, castighi e, se necessario, anche... piangere in cinese!

Tanto di cappello perciò a Sweeney che ha nuovamente segnato una bella rete tre in tre partite di campionato, contro nemmeno una in quattro partite della coppa notturna; tanto di cappello a John Margaritis che ogni settimana riesce ad inventare un difensore diverso fra gente che normalmente giocherebbe a centrocampo e a dare alla squadra una omogeneità di reparti che non corrisponde al valore dei singoli giocatori; tante di cappello a Joe Caruso che nelle settimane in cui si è trovato sotto il fuoco incrociato di critiche (specialmente quelle verbali al campo che sono ovviamente meno razionali e più portate ad essere offensive), è riuscito a mantenere la sua fede nei giocatori, nell'allenatore ed in se stesso. E, naturalmente, tanto di cappello alla "vecchia signora" che si trova prima in classifica!

Una considerazione che aggiunge merito alla posizione di classifica della Juventus è che domenica prossima i bianconeri dovranno vedersela con il "povero" Green Gully che, avendo perso molti dei suoi giocatori chiave, è l'ombra dello squadrone degli ultimi anni.

I biancoveri di Kealba (e' il nome di quella zona di St Albans) si trovano a fare da fianco di coda con un solitario punto incamerato a spese dei cugini maltesi del George Cross, anch'essi non troppo brillanti fino ad ora.

Sulla carta la Juventus dovrebbe perciò cogliere un altro successo pieno ed andare a quota sette in classifica, mentre il South Melbourne Hellas non può avere la stessa dose di certezza che torni da Canberra con due punti interi.

Se poi la Juve dovesse ripetersi contro il JUST la settimana successiva (quinta giornata) in casa, la partita della verità si avrà la settimana dopo (sesta giornata), quando ospiterà il South Melbourne Hellas. "Ospiterà" e' un termine alquanto vago in questi giorni perché non si sa ancora dove "la Juventus giocherà" la sua prossima partita "in casa". Il comitato è giustamente intenzionato a non accettare le condizioni a trabocchetto che la direzione

# VIVA ITALIA!

with ROCKY DI ZIO

### BENE ANCHE LE ALTRE ITALIANE

La Juventus naturalmente rappresenta la grande notizia fra le "italiane" della Lega Nazionale, ma le altre squadre hanno anche avuto una giornata discreta con la vittoria della Juventus di Adelaide sul George Cross (modesto avversario a dire la verità) che ha propiziato un ottimo terzo posto in classifica; il Brisbane City avrebbe dovuto vincere contro il Wollongong, ma comunque il pareggio non è da buttare via, come non lo sono i tre punti fatti in tre partite; anche l'Apia può essere contenta con il punto conquistato sul campo della capolista del girone, il Newcastle; il Marconi, pur perdendo, non può certo lagnarsi di aver preso due reti dal forte St George, campione nazionale 1983, allenato dal nuovo allenatore nazionale Frank Arok (che come allenatore non perde da 21 settimane).

La posizione in classifica del Marconi è per ora deprechevole (fanalino di coda) e non sembra poter migliorare molto la prossima settimana quando ospiterà il Newcastle, ma siamo convinti che sarà molto migliore per quando il campionato avrà finito il suo rodaggio. Staremo a vedere.

Morwell Falcons hanno superato il primo turno con la conquista dei due punti grazie a vittorie con il minimo scarto in entrambi i casi. La vittoria del Fawkner però, sul difficile campo del Doveton, è molto più meritoria di quella fatta registrare dal Morwell sul più facile campo del Broadmeadows (matricola della S.L. a causa di una promozione a tavolino).

Essendo la prima di campionato è difficile dare dei giudizi a lunga scadenza, ma per il momento l'aver fatto due punti e' la cosa più importante per le due "italiane" che aspirano al titolo statale e alla promozione in Lega Nazionale. Sempre dalle imprecise indicazioni della prima giornata sembra che il Polonia (che ha vinto per 4-1 sul non trascurabile St Albans di Billy Voitek) potrebbe essere l'ostacolo più serio sulla strada delle due squadre azzurre; se poi l'attaccante che è appena arrivato dalla Polonia per la squadra di Maribyrnong dovesse essere quello che tutti si aspettano, il compito di Fawkner e Morwell potrebbe diventare molto più difficile.

### APPUNTAMENTI SOCIALI

● Juventus. Sabato 31 marzo, "le disco" del Club Juventus a La Dolce Vita di Lygon Street, Carlton. Ingresso: \$6 a persona. Per prenotazioni ed informazioni telefonare a Vince Rossi al 651 4226 di giorno e 386 9132 di sera.

● Thomastown. Lunedì 26 marzo riunione generale dei soci nella sede del club, con inizio alle ore 7.30; la riunione è molto importante e tutti i soci dovrebbero essere presenti. Sabato 24 marzo ci sarà una cena danzante nella Italia Hall di Northcote. Biglietti: \$16, \$15 e \$13; prenotazioni: Fulvio Di Marco 465 8672, oppure Silvio Gladio 465 0953.

● Fawkner. Mercoledì 23 marzo partita ("testimonial") per Les Gooney sul campo di Jukes Road (di sera) contro la squadra giovanile della Juventus. Come si sa il popolare giocatore azzurro ha subito gravi infortuni che probabilmente hanno posto fine alla sua carriera: tutti i tifosi di calcio, di qualsiasi squadra, dovrebbero sentirsi in dovere di assistere alla partita in modo da dare a Les il compenso morale (e materiale) per gli anni che ha dedicato al calcio con tanta passione e con tanta bravura.

● Nunawading United. Cena danzante per sabato 7 aprile nella "Golden Sands Reception" di East Burwood. Prenotazioni telefonando a Joe Fodera 848 7660 o Jim Saccaro 848 7587.

● Dallas McLeod. Cena danzante per sabato 7 aprile al Casa d'Abruzzo Club di Epping. Prenotazioni telefonando a A. De Luca 44 3682 o T. Mirabelli 338 8511.



Joe Sweeney, l'attaccante della Juventus, è andato nuovamente a rete con uno spettacolare colpo di testa.

dell'Olympic Park ha messo nell'accordo all'ultimo momento, ha chiesto alla stessa di alterare in modo da non dover pagare i quasi \$2000 a partita che l'accordo significherebbe e, se non riceve una certa soddisfazione, è intenzionato a lasciare l'Olympic Park definitivamente accettando una delle due altre alternative che sono state offerte.

Siamo sicuri che i tifosi juventini, ed i "Gold Pass Members", sono disposti ad abbandonare le indubbe comodità dell'Olympic Park ed accettarsi anche di un prato di periferia pur di non dover cedere alle angherie di una organizzazione che, pur avendo le sue spese e la sua necessità finanziarie, dovrebbe ormai capire che non può continuare a fare la parte del leone nella divisione dei modesti introiti del calcio: né la Juventus, né l'altra squadra (nemmeno il Croatia) può permettersi il lusso di pagare \$2000 per usare un campo di gioco per circa tre ore (il campo per gli allenamenti viene, in linea di massima pagato a parte).

Per ora comunque la Juventus ha cominciato il camp-

ionato in modo quasi brillante, anche se per alcuni inaspettato, e questo successo iniziale sta indubbiamente galvanizzando giocatori, tecnici, dirigenti e tifosi e potrebbe diventare un motivo validissimo per un successo continuato oltre i meriti strettamente tecnici della squadra.

### E' PARTITO IL CAMPIONATO DEL VICTORIA

A livello statale, il campionato del Victoria è iniziato lo scorso week-end ed i risultati sono da considerare molto positivi per le "italiane" più in vista: peccato che nella prima divisione c'era un derby italiano in cui almeno una squadra non poteva vincere, in effetti Thomastown e Werribee hanno chiuso con un salomonico pareggio ad occhiali; non così l'altro "derby" italiano nella terza divisione in cui la Triestina ha prevalso sul Bulleen Veneto per il minimo scarto di 2-1... e con un pizzico di fortuna.

Nella Lega Statale del Victoria sia il Fawkner che il

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# YUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

## JUST-ova DRAMA

JUST je vrlo blizu jednog novog rekorda, koji ni jedan klub ne želi da postigne. Svakako ni "plavi", koji ne mogu nikako da se sklone od ukele sudbine. Događja se to i drugim klubovima (u ovom klubu Melbourne Croatia protiv Brisbane Lionsa), ali "plavi" stalno. U prva tri kola novog prvenstva JUST je prokockao četiri boda pred kraj igre, posto je prethodno održao lekciju protivnicima.

Neresen rezultat protiv moćnog Hellasa zalezeće mnogo jaci klubovi od sirotog JUST-a. Međutim, kako se igra razvijala Hellas je srećan koliko je tezak sto je izvuкао jedan bod. A to je tako bilo mora da zahvali pristrasnosti sudije Fokianosa. Ko to već i obilazi i za kulisa fudbalskih mečnika? Tru puta ustopce Hellasove utakmice sudi Grk, a to je previše i kad bi se radilo o svetim litijama, a kamo li o običnim smrtnicima.

Da vidimo kako je i koliko Fokianos ostetio "plave" (iako su igrali u belim dresovima):

U3. minutu ponistio je regularan Lutjev gol bez ikakvog opravdanja i razloga.

U42. minutu Davidson je igrao rukom u svom kaznenom prostoru. Sudija je svirao tek na protest JUST-ovih igrača, ali je lopp izvuкао izvan kaznenog prostora. Kakva suprotnost od Vutzinia, koji je i laka srca pokazao na belu taku zbog napucale lopte, ali onda je odluka ista na stetnu "plavi" (protiv Makedonije), iako je prethodno Peter Ollerton faulirao dva igrača bez lopte. Tada su svi pomislili da sudija svira faul, a on pokazao na belu taku. Ovog puta, dogodio se obrnuto, opet na stetnu JUST-a.

Pred kraj utakmice, kada je pobeđa bila na dohvatu ruke, sudija Fokianos počeo je da seća igrig optinje JUST-ove igrača, svira kaznene udarce sa opasne blizine. Nekoliko puta su se valjali od bolova Taylor i McDowell zbog grubih nasrtaja Browna i Davidsona,

ali jedini zuti karton pokazao je Igoru Hazabentu posle prvog ostrog starta.

Zadnjih osam minuta dozvolio je da zavlađa hvala, Svirao je jedanaesterac protiv JUST-a, posto je neko igrao rukom, a to je bio igrač Hellasa Doug Brown. Tek na intervenciju medjanskih sudija promenio je nepromisljeni odluku, ali sto je najteže stvorio je zapaljivu atmosferu. Tri puta je Hellasova publika provalila u igraliste, zbog čega je morao da prekine utakmicu. Naprotiv on je produžio koliko je hteo, odnosno kod Hellas nije izjednakao u 93. minutu, a onda je odmah odsvirao kraj.

Zaista, za Hellas je ovo slaba uteha, mu bodova donose loše sudije.

Iako je JUST-ov tabor bio tuzan zbog još jednog laka izdubljenog boda, ipak svi zaslužuju najveću pohvalu.

**ZAHVALNA PUBLIKA**

Na prvom mestu treba istaci JUST-ove navijače, koji su posteno navijali punih 93 minuta. Orio se stadion od poklika "pla-iv, pla-iv...", cak i kad je protivnička publika kao divlja horda provaljivala u igraliste.

JUST, ima najskromniji sastav na papiru, a "sirotinji ni Bog ne voli", kaže nas narod. Bez obzira sto nisu skupi placem cak su skupljeni kao "ogrih klubova", bore se kao i oni. Kad bi vise slusali trener bolje bi prolazili. Primitmo: a da pod pritiskom, najiskrui igrača najviše greše, bas oni koji su blistali protiv 60 ili 80 minuta. Umesto da su igrali smireno kao do tak, McDowell i Tansey su napravili za 10 minuta šest proplehtih kornera, koji su bili fatalni.

Nesreća je takodje sto je povredjenog Suli Curovica morao da zameni Bektar, jer boljih igrača JUST ima u mladostu. Svakako to nije Pavle Simic, koji se ni malo ne trudi da zadobije poverenje trenera i ostalih igrača.

Za sledeću utakmicu protiv West Adelaide JUST, odnosno

Bobby McLachlan mora da racuna na iste igrače. Jamie Paton je i dalje povredjen, dok Kiril prodaje "fish and chips" i "Alfa Romeo" protiv Vardara. I leop vremena Vazno je za igrača prebole krizu zbog zasupnih malera. Postici pobedonosni gol negde u 89. minutu, tako da nema više vremena za panjnu, niti takov sudiju i srećni su sto su izgubili svega sa 3:0.

U nedelju 25. marta igraju se dve utakmice na igralistu JUST-a. U 15.30 podne mladi tim JUST-a igra protiv Morwell Falconsa, a u 3.30 po podne startuju prvi timovi JUST-a i Hellasa. Od 1 po podne radnice JUST-ova kantina dobro snabdevena sa cvepicima kasapnice "Dunav" iz Springvala.

Na listi JUST-ovih strelaca vodi Zdravko Lujic sa dva gola.

Nije mnogo kad se uzme da nikad nije bio izraziti strelac, ali je definitivno najopasniji JUST-ov igrač. Od dve sanse iskoristi jednu, a namesti pet do šest idealnih sansi. Ove godine je na početku sezone usao u formu i igra sa velikim zadovoljstvom i uspehom.

**PRVA POBEDA MAKEDONIJE**

Makedonija je u trećem kolu slomila i bez zaslužnog pobednika. Igrali rivala Aleksandra sa 1:0, sto je skroman rezultat po sansama koji je imala. Pored gola, koji je postigao agresivni Can Opasinas u početku igre, Claude Lucetti je pogodio staviti i Ian Dobson prečku. Aleksandar je imao par prilika, a najbliži pogodku bio je Steve Wynn, ali njegov udarac izbio je Dunn sa glr cete u polje.

U nedelju 25. marta Makedonija gostuje u Adelaide, igra protiv Adelaide Citya, dok mladi tim Makedonije igra protiv Frankton Pinesa.

Melbourne Croatia, je ponovo domacin. Ovog puta George Crossu po svoj prilici na Olympic Parku. U predigri se sastaju mladi timovi.

**PRVENSTVENA TKRA POCELA**

**SA IZNENADJENJIMA**

Posle izvanrednih uspeha u kupovima, Altona Gate/VARDAR je pokleknuo u prvom kolu novog prvenstva na svom igralistu. Springvale City je zasluženo pobedio Vardara sa 2:0 (1:0). Sastav Vardara: Dimitrijević, Dimovski, Derovski, Serovski, Tundjevski, Jovanovski, Gelevski (Ljube Talevski), Bozinovski, Belier, Kotevski, Cele Talevski (Kilanski). Rezerva Vardara: Stan Peskom. Na nekoliko mesta slomljena je jabučna kost i nece igrati najmanje 5 nedelja. Sastav Vojvodine: Peska, Dimovski, Jovanovski, Dupor (Dobre Dimovski), Cankovic, Vonja, Micevski, Mernik (Zoran Derovski), Miller, Galla, Dimitrijević. Najbolji igrači: Adam Miller, Steve Vonja i Zivko Jovanovski. Rezerva je izgubila sa 2:0 (1:0). Golman Misa Cicurac branio je opasne udarce iz blizine, ali je primio dva gola dokoro sa centra. Najbolji igrači: Jan Sklenar, Paul Kolarik i Joz Vrtsek. U subotu 24. marta Vojvodina igra protiv Geelong United na Paisley Reserve, ugaio Mills & Ross Rds, North Altona, My 55 C5. Geelong United-Paislee Valley/FELISTER 2:0. Nismo dobili izvestaj sa ove utakmice, ali iznenadju slab početak Pelistera.

**USPESAN START ZVEZDE**

Central City/CRVENA ZVEZDA pobedila je u gostima Malvern City sa 3:4 (0:2) posle velike borbe i izvanredne finisa u zavrsnici ove uzbudljive utakmice. Domaci tim je počeo osto i agresivno, pomognut od pristrasnog sudije, koji je dva puta pokazao na belu taku u kaznenom prostoru Zvezde.

Danas, odlicni golman Nikola Popovic odbranio je jedan jedanaesterac, sto je donelo preokret u igri i rezultatu. Veteran Midrag Veleckovic postigao je najljepse golove ove utakmice. Trener Mladen Mutic cestitao je svim igracima, jer su se zalagali do

sborougha, koji vodi na tabeli četvrti divizije posle visoke pobede nad Rosebudom sa 6:0. Fernree Gully-Lalor Utd/LOGA 3:1 (0:1). Isto kae igrač Vardara uspehi u kupovima uspevali su i igrač Sloge, koji nisu iskoristili dva jedanaestera na ovoj utakmici. Sloge je povel sa 1:0 protiv Viktora Demoralidisa 3:15 minuta, a onda je Ljuba Stojanovic promasio citav gol iz penala. U drugom poluvremenu sudija je još jedanput pokazao na belu taku u korist Sloge, ali novijašom Cam Mola sutira izvangola. Ovaj promasa je potpuno demoralisao igrač Sloge i golman Momce Trajcević samovoljno napustio igru posto je primio gol. Zamenio ga je uspesno Zoran Risteviski. Rezerva je izgubila sa 0:3 (0:2) marta Sloge igra protiv East Brunswick na svom igralistu, Victoria Drive Reserve, Thomastown, My 8 D8.

Clayton-Carlton/MLADOST 0:0. Rezultat je realan. Sastav Mladosti: Ciric, Bosevski, Stefanovic, Bekker, Kmetovic, Naumovski, Pitra (Kulesovski), Stojcevic, Santos (Stribovski), Trajkovski, Theodoridis. Najbolji igrači Cane Bosevski, Zarko Stefanovic i Miro Beker. Rezerva Mladosti pobedila je Clayton sa 3:2 (1:1). Strelci Dragom Beluror 2 i Gane Lazioski. U subotu 24. marta igra se derbi utakmica Carlton/Mladost u Hawthorn na Grey Reserve. Korotnik Crede B.D., Williamstown. Hawksburn-Melton 1:0 (1:0). Pobedonosni gol postigao je Andras Kazu iz jedanaestera u 23. minutu. Sastav Hawksburn: Sandor Kazi, Hegedus, Benedek, Sabo, Kanton, Andras Kazi, Ambrus, Erdog, Mistic, Balog (Biro od 55 minuta), Derek. Najbolji igrači: Stjepan Kanton, Joe Hegedus i Sandor Kazi. Rezerva je pobedila sa 2:0 (1:0). Strelci Istvan Laslo i Z. I. Janos Diosi u 75. minutu.

Fitzroy City-Altona Utd/VJOVDINA 2:2 (0:1). Dva razlicita poluvremena. Do

odmora Vojvodina se igrala sa domacinom kao marka sa misem, sto nije rezultatski pokazalo. U drugom poluvremenu domacin je dominirao igrom do zadnjih pet minuta, kada se Vojvodina trila i izjednakala. Strelci: Aleks Micevski i Paul Galla. U 20. minutu tesko je povredjen Veljko Dupor u sudaru sa protivnickim igračem i prebačen je u obilježju bolnicu, gde mu je stavljen gips. Iz bolnice se vratio pred kraj utakmice i bodrio svoje drugove da poprave rezultat. U subotu 24. marta Zvezda igra protiv West Brunswicka na Como Parku. Svoju drugu zabavu Zvezda ce odrzati 7. aprila.

Posle velike borbe Diamond Valley savlada je Hampton Wanderers (Beograd) sa 3:2 (1:1). Najbolji igrač bio je Bora Golemovic. Rezerva "Beograda" pobedila je sa 1:0. Sudio je na zadovoljstvo obe strane Pera Stepic. U subotu 24. marta "Beograd" je gost Seaforda.

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**by Manos Milios**

**TA NEA TON OMADON MAS APO TO SHMEIO TOY PENALTY**

**ΓΙΑΤΙ ΘΕΛΟΥΝ ΝΑ "ΘΑΝΕ" ΤΟΝ ΣΑΜ**

**ΓΚΟΥΛΔΠΟΥΛΟΥ**

Πολλά καί γνωστά είναι τα προβλήματα τα οποία αντιμετωπίζει ο 'Αλέξανδρος τόν τελευταίο καιρό καί πού όλα γε υνικά πέφτουν στήν πλάτη τού προέδρου κ.Σάμ Γκουλδπούλου.

Αυστυχώς αλλά έκτός από μερικούς φιλάθλους πού δέν μπορούν να δοούν τήν δαίθεα καί να καταλάβουν ότι δέν φταίει δ κ.Γκουλδπούλος γιατί άποσάσισαν να φύγουν οι πεπειραμένοι παίκτες Κώλ,Κάμπελ,Σπανός καί άλλοι,είναι καί άνθρωποι τού Δ.Σ. πού άπό καιρό έχουν βάλει σάν στόχο τους τόν φιλότιμο πρόεδρο. καί όταν λέμε "άπό καιρό",όά θέλαμε να πούμε ότι άπό τά Χριστούγεννα οι μερικοί "άτσιδες" τού Δ.Σ.μυθούλου κανονίζουν τήν άνατροπή τού Γκουλδπούλου.

Κανείς τους όμως δέν βγήκε στόν τόπο καί να πει ότι δ Γκουλδπούλος ήταν δ μόνος ίσως πού έπέμενε να μένει δ Τζιμ Πένκιν προπονητής καί καί κτης στόν Μέγα.

Καί όμως δέν τόν άκουσε κανέναν μέ άποτελέσματα άπό σκοτωθούν να φέρουν τόν Μπαρτζάν Γκάβρυ.

Τώρα λοιπόν πού δ κόσμος δέν βλέπει τήν όμάδα τού παρελθόντος,τώρα όλοι αύτοί οι κύριοι κάνουν τó κορό ύδο καί άφύπνουν ά έννοηθεί πώς γιά όλα φταίει δ Σάμ Γκουλδπούλος.

Γιατί δέν έχουν τήν όδυναμή να πούν στούς φίλους τού Μέγα τήν δαίθεα; Κά πούν ότι έν άπουσία τού προέδρου κύτταξαν να βάλουν στή λίστα τών μεταγραφών τήν μισή σχεδόν διάδα;

Νά πούν ότι οι πέντε - μέλιστα πέντε - άπό τó Δ.Σ.μυθούλου ψήφισαν να διώξουν τόν Γκουλδπούλου;

Νά πούν ότι έκείνοι ήθελαν τόν νέο προπονητή καί όχι ο πρόεδρος;

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**ΝΙΚΗΣ Ο ΠΥΘΑΓΟΡΑΣ**

Γιά τó πρωτάθλημα τής Γ'κατηγορίας τού Προβλή ίοναλ Αήκη δ Πυθαγόρας έκτός έόρας νίκησε 3-1 τήν νέα μας Ελληνική όμάδα Αθηναϊκή Γιουνάιτεντ καί μπήκε μέ τό... δεξί στήν κούρσα γιά τόν τίτλο.

Πιό πεπειραμένος δ Πυθαγόρας πέτυχε τά γκόλ μέ τούς Τζό Κατόλικο 2 καί Χρ.Κόκα.

Έπαίξαν οι Αέρης,Καλαφάτης (Παχαλάκης),Καναβολής,Καζάνας,Κασιριόγλου,Τσακαλίδης,Αιστοτόπουλος,Σ.Καναβολής(88' Γιαννίκος),Κόνας,Σόλης,Τζό Κατόλικο.

Η Β'όμάδα νίκησε 2-1.

**ΦΑΙΛΙΚΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΒΑΛΑΣ**

Έντός τών ήμερών ή Έλλάς Μελβούρνης ά άώσει φιλικών άγώνα προπονήσεως μέ τó Κάλφτον Χιλ στό Μίντλ - Πάρκ. Η συνάντηση αύτή είναι έπιθυμία τού τεχνικού κ. Λέν Μακέντρυ.

**ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΣΙΤΥ**

Προπονητές ζητάει τó Μάλβερν Σίτυ γιά τίς όμάδες τών Τζούνιορς. Οι έν διαφερόμενοι ά τηλεφωνήσουν στόν κ Τζιμ Τζαυονάρν στό 277 1158.

**ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ**

Γαλήνη πάλι στόν Ηρακλή πού πούν λίγες μέρες έμεινε χωρίς τόν πρόεδρο Νίκο Κυριακόπουλο καί τόν γραμματέα Γιώργο Καρασταθού.

Ετυχώς πού βρέθηκε ή... άκη καί οι χρήσιμοι γιά τόν κυανόλευκο σύλλογο παράγοντες παρέμειναν στά πόστα τους.

**25.000 ΔΟΛΛΑΡΙΑ Ο ΧΑΛΦΟΡΝΤ**

Μέ άνοιχτό τó στόμα έμεινε δ Κάρλ Χάλφορντ δ μέσος τής Έλλάς,όταν δ πρόεδρος κ.Άνελάκης τού είπε ότι δ σύλλογος ζητάει 25.000 δολάρια γιά να τόν παραχωρήσει σε άλλή όμάδα.

Γεγονός είναι ότι ή Έλλάς τού προέφερε καλά λεπτά γιά να υπογράψει άλλά δ παίκτη δέν τά δέχθηκε,όποτε τó διαζύγιο είναι πολύ κοντά.





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THIS SUNDAY MARCH 25



## AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

### Canberra Arrows v South Melbourne

at Bruce Stadium  
3 pm Sunday

Previous NSL Results  
Canberra 1 win  
South 5 wins  
6 Draws



Steve Hogg



Chris Kalafatis

### Leichhardt v Blacktown

Henson Park  
3 pm Sunday

Previous NSL Results  
Leichhardt 1 win  
3 Draws



Bobby Perkos



Gary Wyron

### Marconi v Newcastle

at Marconi Stadium  
3 pm Sunday

Previous NSL Results  
Marconi 5 wins  
Newcastle 5 wins  
2 draws



Peter Shorne

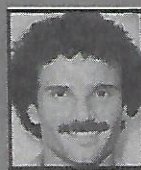


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### Melita Eagles v St. George

Melita Stadium  
3 pm Sunday

No Previous  
NSL Results



Ray Farrugia



Peter Stone

### Penrith v Wollongong

Cook Park  
3 pm Sunday

No Previous  
NSL results



Peter Brogan



Ron Tibod

### Sydney Olympic v Sydney City

Pratten Park  
3 pm Sunday

Previous NSL Results  
Olympic 2 wins  
City 8 wins  
2 draws



Peter Wilson



Grant Lee

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

### Adelaide City v Preston

Norwood Oval  
2.30 pm Sunday

Previous NSL Results  
Adelaide City 1 win  
Preston 4 wins  
1 draw



Charlie Villani



Claude Lucchesi

### Brisbane City v Sydney Croatia

Spencer Park  
3 pm Sunday

No Previous  
NSL results



Bob Mountford



Paul Kirwan

### Footscray v West Adelaide

at Schintler Reserve  
3 pm Sunday

Previous NSL Results  
Footscray 3 wins  
West Adelaide 7 wins  
3 draws



Igor Hazabont



George Konstantopoulos

### Green Gully v Juventus

Gully Reserve  
3 pm Sunday

No Previous  
NSL results



Paul Wedd



Joe Sweeney

### Heidelberg v Brisbane Lions

Olympic Village  
at 3 pm Sunday

Previous NSL Results  
Heidelberg 6 wins  
Brisbane Lions 3 wins  
5 Draws



John Gabrielsen



Alan Nixon

### Melbourne Croatia v Sunshine George Cross

at Olympic Park  
No 1 3 pm Sunday

No previous  
NSL results



Jim Campbell



Don McLaren